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THE SACRED BLACKSMITH

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CHAPTER 19:
SHEATH

TRANSLATION: CMERTB - TYPESETTING: RELM
CLEANING: [CROSS] - PROOFREADER: SUPERFID2006

NEW POLICY:
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山田孝太郎 Yamada Kotaro

原作：三浦勇雄　キャラクター原案：屡那

TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, IT'S BETTER TO RETURN TO MY ORIGINAL SHAPE AS A SWORD AT TIMES LIKE THAT.
I wonder if it's a reaction to the fierce fighting
YES... I HAVEN'T BEEN FEEL-ING WELL LATELY.
YOU WANT A SHEATH?

The Sacred Blacksmith

聖剣の刀鍛冶（ブラックスミス）

CHAPTER 19: [Sheath]

INFOR-MATION?

BESIDES, I'M NOT ASKING IT FOR FREE.

BUT IT'S QUICK AND EASY TO MAKE A DEAL WITH YOU?

ABOUT DEMON SWORDS.

INSTEAD OF MONEY, I'LL PAY WITH INFORMATION.

INFORMATION CONNECTED TO VALBANILL.

IT'S "HATRED TOWARD GOD".

Huhu,

YOU LOOK VERY INTERESTED.

THE SECRETS OF DEMON SWORDS, THE REASON DEMON SWORDS ARE BORN—

WHAT AN IRONIC TALE.

"THEY'RE INCARNATED IN THE SHAPE OF A 'SWORD DEMON'."

"THE KILLING INTENT TOWARD THE GOD, VALBANILL, WHO CREATED THE DEMON CONTRACT SYSTEM,"

"THE NEGATIVE EMOTIONS OF THOSE IN THE MIDDLE OF TAKING THE DEMON CONTRACT,"

DOZENS, HUNDREDS OF THEM.

GAVE BIRTH TO DEMON SWORDS, WHICH TURNEED THE TABLES ON VALBANILL.

THE SYSTEM VALBANILL CREATED TO MAKE HUMANS KILL EACH OTHER

IT'S A TALE OF A CONTRADICTION THAT IS BEYOND SALVATION.

BUT THOSE SAME DEMON SWORDS CAN'T CONTINUE TO LIVE WITHOUT THE SPIRITS THAT VALBANILL SPEWS OUT.

DID THE EMPIRE SEEK DEMON SWORDS AS A REPLACEMENT FOR SACRED SWORDS BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO BLACKSMITH TRADITION OF THEIR OWN?

THE EMPIRE PROBABLY TARGETED ME SO MANY TIMES BECAUSE OF THAT.

BASICALLY, DEMON SWORDS HAVE A FACTOR THAT MAKES RESISTING VALBANILL POSSIBLE.

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I'LL DECIDE MY OWN VALUE.

---YOU ARE A "DEFENDER SWORD"!

---YOU'RE NOT THAT KIND OF AN UNCLEAN EXISTENCE!

Uh, umm DOES CECILY KNOW WHAT YOU TOLD US JUST NOW?

WHY?

NO.

HOW SHOULD I PUT IT ...

I HAVE TO KEEP FIGHTING
IN ORDER TO REACH MY GOAL OF BECOMING A "DEFENDER SWORD"!

"THAT WE'LL DISAPPEAR TOGETHER ONE DAY..."
"WE SWORE IT, DIDN'T WE?"

"WE HAVE ALREADY THROWN OUR LOT TOGETHER."

BUT I'M SURE LISA AND LUKE ARE FIGHTING AGAINST SOMETHING TOO.
I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF THAT.
DISAPPEAR TOGETHER— ...

THE SPIRIT OR THE WILL —THAT'S WHERE ITS TRUE NATURE IS.

NOT WHEN IT COMES TO THE KATANA, IT ISN'T.

EH?

...HAVING SAID THAT,

IN THE END, THE PURPOSE OF A SWORD IS TO KILL.

"SOAR NOBLY"

A KATANA IS BORN IN PURSUIT OF THIS GOAL, AND NOT SIMPLY TO BREAK THINGS.

THE BLADE'S RADIANCE AFTER IT'S POLISHED REFLECTS HOW BRIGHTLY THE HEART SPARKLES, AND HOW COMFORTABLY IT CURVES SHOWS WHAT GOES ON INSIDE THAT HEART.

THIS MEANS THAT WHATEVER PURPOSE IS PLACED IN A THING, IT CAN BE CHANGED.

...IT'S LIKE I DON'T GRASP IT, YET I UNDERSTAND THIS PERFECTLY

HOW UNEXPECTED ...

COULD IT BE THAT HE'S TRYING TO CONSOLE ME?

... HUH?

...YOU NEED A SHEATH TO RESIST THAT IMPULSE?

YES... BUT YOU KNOW

THE HATRED IMPLANTED IN ME AT THE TIME OF MY BIRTH STILL BINDS ME.

IN THE END, I CAN'T CHANGE SO EASILY.

ANYWAY, THANKS, BUT...

I MIGHT BE LOSING MY SENSES ...

THE KILLING INTENT.

IT'S GOTTEN HARDER TO FIGHT AGAINST IT LATELY.

KILL

—KILL

KILL

KILL

WHEN I'M IN THE SHEATH, I WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE.

I SEE. I'LL TAKE CARE.

YEAH, THIS IS NOT A BAD SHEATH.

WHA- WHAT DID YOU SAY!?

AH, I'M KIDDING, I'M KIDDING!!

I paid with manual labor!

I SEDUCED HIM.

BUT HOW DID YOU GET THAT STUBBORN MAN TO MAKE ONE FOR YOU?

!

...SAY, ARIA...

ARE YOU TROUBLED BY ANY-THING?

IF YOU SHUT YOURSELF IN... YOU CAN LIVE WITHOUT LOSING YOURSELF.

I SHOULD STAY INSIDE THE SHEATH WHEN YOU DON'T NEED ME.

WHEN YOU SAID YOU NEEDED A SHEATH, THERE WAS SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT YOUR FORCED SMILE.

AND THEN I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PROUDLY STAND WITH YOU SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

I'LL START BEING SPOILED BY YOU TOO MUCH, CECILY

BUT IF I TOLD YOU ABOUT THAT

YES, ACTUALLY I AM TROUBLED BY SOME THING

...THANK YOU

IF YOU SAY SO, TRY IT.

I SEE

THAT'S WHY I'D LIKE TO FACE THESE TROUBLES ALONE!

AT THAT TIME, I WILL BECOME YOUR SHEATH!

BUT IF YOU FEEL YOU CAN'T GO ON ANYMORE...

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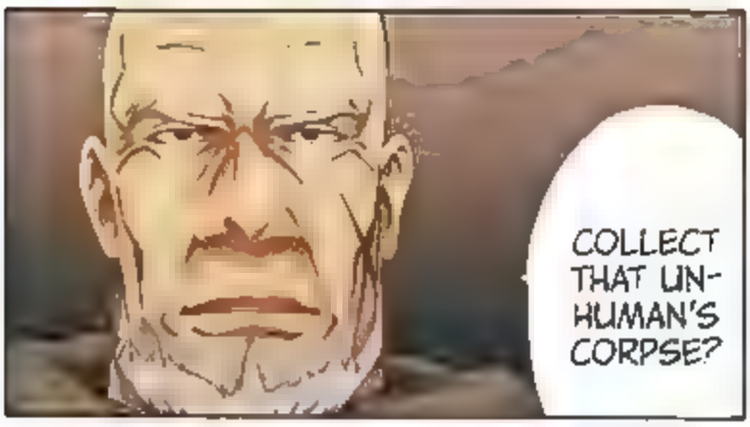
COLLECT THAT UN-HUMAN'S CORPSE?

YOU CAME HERE TO.

QUITE RIGHT
IT'S PROPERTY OF THE EMPIRE

山田孝太郎 Yamada Kotaro
原作・三上元 キャラクター原案 堺那
*1
聖剣の刀鍛冶
アリアが表紙のコミックス第4巻、大絶賛発売中！
その心の中に、
神は宿る。
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REALM
The Sacred Blacksmith
聖剣の刀鍛冶
ラウラ ソウズミス

OH MY, HOW UNUSUAL
YOU'RE NOT SPENDING YOUR BREAK WITH YOUR BELOVED BLACKSMITH TODAY?

PATTY

-PATTY BALDWIN-
CITY PUBLIC OFFICER
NON-COMBATANT
ATTACHED FOR
PAPERWORK OR MEDICAL
TREATMENT DUTIES

YES, I GOT PLENTY OF REST

IT WAS MOSTLY THANKS TO YOUR TREATMENT, PATTY, THAT I WAS ABLE TO RECOVER LIKE THIS

BE

BELOVED, YOU SAY!?

THAT AGAIN!

ANYWAY, IT'S BEEN A WHILE. HAVE YOUR INJURIES ALL HEALED?

HMM

ACTUALLY, I'VE BEEN WRITING UP A REPORT SINCE THIS MORNING...

SO, WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU LOOK DOWN

CECILY IS INVULNERABLE!

BUT STILL, DIDN'T YOU RECOVER TOO QUICKLY?

AND WHEN I RE-READ IT, I ONCE AGAIN REALIZED THE SCOPE OF OUR LOSSES.

AND THAT'S WHY YOUR HEART ACHES? BUT YOU COULDN'T HELP IT

IT WAS TRULY A SUDDEN ATTACK

A REPORT? AH, ABOUT THAT UNHUMAN

RIGHT. FOURTEEN DEAD, TWENTY INJURED.

I KEEP THINKING HOW, IF I COULD'VE SAVED JUST ONE MORE CITIZEN

I REALIZE, BUT, I WONDER IF THERE WAS SOMETHING MORE I COULD'VE DONE

I REAL-IZED THAT

BESIDES, THE KNIGHT GUARDS HAVE NOW STARTED DISCUSSING THE MEANS OF COMBATING UNHUMANS OR DEMONS

UH..

CECILY, YOU'RE AIMING A LITTLE TOO HIGH

YOU CAN'T DENY THAT YOU DID AS MUCH AS YOU COULD

CAN I REALLY SAY THAT WE CARRIED OUT OUR DUTY?

RIGHT THIS ONE IS FOR MEDICAL USE THOUGH.

PUBLIC WORKERS ARE NOW REQUIRED TO HAVE IT IN THEIR POSSESSION

TAMA-HAGANE!

LIKE THIS

EH...

HOW ABOUT YOU MEMORIZE THE PRAYER INCANTATION ALREADY?

FROM NOW ON, A PRAYER CONTRACT WILL BECOME THE CHIEF COUNTER-MEASURE

!?

YOU HAVE ME, CECILY, SO IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT!

DO YOU HAVE TO SAY THAT YOURSELF?

I'M NOT SMART ENOUGH FOR THAT ...

MAYBE I SHOULD TRAIN THAT TOO.

A-
ARIA?

OH MY, IS IT JEALOUSY?

SO YOU DON'T NEED SOME-THING LIKE THE PRAYER CONTRACT!

I'LL WORK MUCH HARDER THAN BEFORE!

DON'T WORRY!

A PRAYER CONTRACT WON'T STEAL YOUR POSITION FROM YOU

CECILY WILL STILL REMAIN YOURS!

THAT'S RIGHT!

AND I WILL BE CECILY'S!

PATTY! ARIA!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?

...UH

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WHAT, YOU'RE BACK ALREADY?

TCH!

OR MAYBE THAT WOMAN IS HER WORTH?

HER ONLY WORTH IS IN HOW SOLIDLY BUILT SHE IS

OH MY,

THAT'S A PRETTY MEAN TONE, REGINALD

THESE ARE MY HONEST FEELINGS

I KNOW THAT ALREADY

NOT EVEN HUMAN

SHE'S NOT A WOMAN

CECILY CAMBELL

WHA- WHAT DID YOU SAY!?

ARE YOU JEALOUS OF CECILY MONOPOLIZ- ING ALL THE HEROIC DEEDS BY ANY CHANCE?

OH MY~

ALL YOU GROWN MEN ARE PATHETIC

IF IT WASN'T FOR THE DEMON SWORD, YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING

DON'T GET TOO PROUD

LET'S GO, THE ATMO- SPHERE HERE IS BAD

IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR YOUR BEAUTY TO JUST FORGET THEM

THERE ARE SUCH TYPES IN THE KNIGHT GUARDS

THEY'RE JEALOUS OF YOU, CECILY

THAT'S JUST IM-POSSIBLE! AFTER CECILY WORKED SO HARD!

WHAT A HATE-FUL GUY!

WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT!?

YOU MUSTN'T WORRY ABOUT IT!

UH, YEAH

IF IT WASN'T FOR THE DEMON SWORD...

CECILY, YOU PROBABLY ACCUMULATE STRESS EASILY RIGHT?

OH MY-

DRINKING SOUNDS GOOD

LET'S GO HAVE SOME DRINKS TO FORGET

REALLY? DO I LOOK IT?

YES YOU DO!

THOSE ARE THE WORDS OF **SCUM** WHO CAN ONLY LOOK AT THINGS THROUGH THE PRISM OF SEXUAL DISCRIMINA-TION

RIGHT!

PATTY, DON'T START SAYING MEAN THINGS TOO..

DRINKING...

IS GOING DRINKING REALLY SOMETHING SO AMAZING?

FROM TIME TO TIME YOU JUST GOTTA DRINK YOUR GLOOM AWAY!

CECILY, I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU. COME WITH ME.

COM-MAN-DER!

OH, THAT'S WHERE YOU ARE

IT HAD TO BE THAT KID

IT REALLY LOOKS LIKE A SHEATH BASIL WOULD MAKE

YES. LUKE MADE IT FOR US.

IS THAT ARIA'S SHEATH?

SO THE COMMANDER ALSO KNEW BASIL-DONO

AFTER ALL, HE WAS BRINGING UP LUKE'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND, LISA-DONO

WHAT KIND OF A GIRL WAS LISA-DONO?

BASIL...

THE NAME OF LUKE'S FATHER...

CECILY IS TOO HONEST FOR HER OWN GOOD..

HOW RUDE!

I- I- I- I- I- I'M NOT

EH!

ARE YOU WOR-RIED?

THE KID PROBABLY GOT SO PIG-HEADED AFTER BEING MADE TO CRY SO MUCH

FUHAHA

YES, SHE OFTEN DRAGGED THAT KID LUKE EVERY WHICH WAY

FEISTY ...

LISA WAS... A FEISTY TOMBOY

EH?

..EH?

WHAT?

PROCEED WITH CAUTION

BUT... SHE'S A POWERFUL FOE

I'M COMING IN

WHY ARE YOU...

AH, WE'VE BEEN WAITING, CECILY-SAN

SIEG-
FRIED...?

HOW
INSOLENT

.....

DON'T MIND HER, FRAN-CISCA

YES!

UH

THE REPORT THAT I WROTE!?

JUST WHAT IS GOING ON

HE IS HERE TO COLLECT THE CORPSE OF THE UNHUMAN MONSTER

APPARENTLY, IT BELONGED TO THE EMPIRE

PLEASE DO ME THE HONOR OF EXPLAINING THIS IN DETAIL

...I AM AN INDEPENDENT TRADE CITIES OFFICER, A MEMBER OF THE THIRD DISTRICT KNIGHT GUARDS, CECILY CAMBELL

VERY WELL

I WILL ANSWER YOU AS MUCH AS I CAN

FIRST, WHAT KIND OF CREATURE WAS THAT UNHUMAN?

CLEARLY NOT A NATURAL LIFEFORM, AND MOREOVER, TAMAHAGANE WEAPONS WERE IMPLANTED ON IT

THAT INFORMATION IS CLASSIFIED SO I CANNOT ANSWER

ALRIGHT, THEN WHY DID THE UNHUMAN ATTACK THE CITY?

THE UNHUMAN IN QUESTION KILLED ITS HANDLERS WHILE BEING TRANSPORTED AND ESCAPED

IT SLIPPED THROUGH OUR DRAGNET AND UNFORTUNATELY INFILTRATED INTO THIS CITY

THAT INFORMATION IS CLASSI-FIED SO I CANNOT ANSWER

CECILY-SAN

ESCAPED? TRANS-PORTED?

WHERE WERE YOU GOING TO TRANS-PORT IT?

DON'T MESS!

THEN AT LEAST ANSWER THIS!

WHAT WAS THIS INCIDENT FROM YOUR POINT OF VIEW?

AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT

FOURTEEN DEAD AND TWENTY INJURED

HOW MANY DO YOU THINK DIED!!?

BASICALLY, WASN'T IT YOUR COUNTRY'S INCOMPE-TENCE!?

IT SAYS SO RIGHT HERE

WE WILL PAY SUITABLE REPARA-TIONS

APOLO-GIZE!

THERE'S NO OTHER REPARATION THAT CAN BE MADE

IT WILL

DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT WILL BE ENOUGH?

THAT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LIVES THAT WERE LOST...

THAT WOULD BE INEFFICIENT

BOW YOUR HEAD IN FRONT OF THE BEREAVED FAMILIES!

LIVES CAN BE BOUGHT WITH MONEY

DIDN'T YOU KNOW?

BASTARD!!

CECI-
LY!

CECILY-
SAN,
RESTRAIN
YOUR-
SELF!

WE'VE
RECEIVED
A WRITTEN
APOLOGY
FROM THE
EMPIRE
LONG AGO

WHEN
DID
SHE
DRAW!?

YES...

WH-
WHO'S
THERE?

I WAS IN MUCH DIFFICULTY AFTER A CERTAIN THIEF NAMED CHARLOTTE STOLE HER FROM ME

THAT'S MY BELOVED SWORD

TSK!

IT'S EVADNE

AH, THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO ASK YOU CONCERNING YOUR REPORT

WHAT'S THE REASON I WAS CALLED HERE?

...FINE, TELL ME

DO YOU THINK IT WAS A COINCIDENCE THAT MY PET AND THAT DEMON CAME IN CONTACT?

I'LL ASK FRANKLY

..YEAH

ABOUT THAT DEMON OWNED BY THE BLACK-SMITH OF THIS CITY WHO TOOK PART IN THE FIGHTING?

...NOW THAT HE MENTIONS IT

EH... ABOUT THAT?

THAT THE BEAST WAS REACTING TO LISA'S SCENT?

ARIA, DID YOU MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT THE INCIDENT PREVI-OUSLY?

THE UNHUMAN DIDN'T WAVER ON ITS ROUTE, AS IF IT WAS HEADED SOMEWHERE DIRECTLY...

I SEE

...THE UNHUMAN WAS CHASING LISA?

NOW I SEE

OUR CONVER-SATION ISN'T OVER YET! WHAT DID YOU MEAN ABOUT LISA!?

DON'T RUSH THINGS. I'LL TELL YOU LATER.

ACTU-ALLY

WHAT INDEED

THERE'S ONE MORE THING I NEED FROM YOU

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WHAT DID YOU FIND OUT?

QUITE A BRUTAL ONE TOO

A CRIMINAL SENTENCED TO DEATH THAT WAS TRANSPORTED WITH IT ALSO ESCAPED IN THE CONFUSION

IT WASN'T ONLY MY PET WHO RAN AWAY

...WHAT DID YOU SAY?

BESIDES, WHY WERE YOU TRANSPORTING AN UNHUMAN AND A CRIMINAL TOGETHER...?

WAIT, IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN EVEN NOW OUR CITIZENS' LIVES ARE IN DANGER!

SO THIS IS A PERFECT PLACE TO RUN TO

ALSO, ALL FOREIGN TROOPS ARE FORBIDDEN FROM CARRYING OUT ACTIVITIES HERE

THIS IS A NEUTRAL CITY, SO A PASS ISN'T REQUIRED TO ENTER OR EXIT

IS THIS THE END OF OUR CONVERSATION?

THEN WE MUST GO SEARCH FOR THAT CRIMINAL AT ONCE-

.....!

THAT IS CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA

THAT'S THE JOB FOR FRANCISCA, WHO KNOWS THE CRIMINAL'S FACE

まさかの護衛(ご え)…!? 果(は)たしてねらいは?

MEANWHILE...

I'LL NEED YOU TO SERVE AS MY ESCORT

UNTIL THE DATE OF THE "BALL", WOMAN...

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CHAPTER 21:
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AND THAT'S WHY!

CLOCK TOWER SQUARE
--DRINKING MARKET--

コミックス①～④巻は発売中!!
今月は超大増54P!!で登場!!

Ch. 21 Fool —Realism 2

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I'M SUPPOSED TO BE HIS ESCORT UNTIL THE "BALL"!!

I HAVE TO BE WITH HIM STARTING TOMOR-ROW---!!

DOESN'T HE JUST MAKE YOU WANT TO HATE HIM!?

JUST WHO DOES THAT MAN THINK HE IS---!!?

AHHH, WE'RE OUT OF DRINKS, REFILL PLEASE!!

AH HA HA HA HA

SHE'S AN ANGRY DRUNK

EVEN THOUGH THIS IS HER FIRST TIME DRINKING

LUKE TURNED FROM A POOR MAN INTO A MONEY-GRUBBER!?

EH!?

WAIT A MINUTE

WE GET FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE CITY TO MAKE SACRED SWORDS

AH HA HA HA HA

WHO ARE YOU CALLING MONEY-GRUBBER!

HMM, I HAVE A HABIT OF SMOKING WHEN I DRINK

WANT SOME?

NO... THOUGH THE FACT THAT YOU CAN AFFORD IT

IS THAT TOBACCO?

PHEW

ANYWAY, IT'S SO HOT

CECILY, HOT OR NOT, YOU'RE BEING IMPROPER!

BUT REALLY, YOU IN A DRESS IS SOMETHING TO SEE

R-REALLY?

LUKE, THIS IS NOT AN ASHTRAY

YOU SEEM PERTURBED

OI OI DON'T ACCUSE PEOPLE OF LEWDNESS..

SEE, LUKE IS WATCHING OUT OF THE CORNER OF HIS EYE..

THE BALL-

AH HA HA HA HA

WHATEVER TAKE THAT BACK!

IT'S LIKE THE THRILL OF LOOKING AT SOMETHING SCARY

IN ORDER TO EMPHASIZE THAT IT IS A PART OF THE REGULAR INTERCHANGE IT HAS TAKEN THE APPEARANCE OF A "BALL"

HOWEVER, THE REAL OBJECTIVE IS FOR ALL NATIONS TO REQUEST FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THEIR MILITARY AFFAIRS FROM VARIOUS PARTIES

AFTER THE WAR, THE CONTINENTAL LAW COUNCIL IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF THE CONTINENT'S LANDS MARCH IN STEP, HAS STARTED TO ASSEMBLE PERIODICALLY IN THIS NEUTRAL CITY

EVERY NATION IS EAGER FOR SACRED SWORDS TO BE FORGED AGAIN

THE CROWD POWER EVEN RECOGNIZES IT AS A "MACHINE FUNCTION"

THE ACTIVITIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS AROUND RE-SEALING VALBANILL ARE RELATED TO HOW TO SPLIT THE BENEFITS AFTERWARD

EVEN IF HE'S THE WORST UNHUMAN IN THE CONTINENT'S HISTORY, HE'S ALSO A CONVENIENT EXISTENCE THAT PRODUCES SPIRITS SEMI-PERMANENTLY

I'M IM-PRISONED BY THEIR FORESIGHT

IT'S ALRIGHT I'LL PROTECT YOU AT THE BALL SO YOU'RE NOT BOTHERED BY NASTY INSECTS.

COME ON, LET'S DRINK!

CECILY!

ISN'T IT A FIGHT FOR PEACE, TO PROTECT HUMANITY!?

IT'S NAU-SEATING

IT'S ABOUT THAT!

BUT I DON'T THINK I WANT TO JUST SIT THERE WITH-OUT DOING ANYTHING AND USE MY LACK OF POWER AS AN EXCUSE

TRUE, I'M POWER-LESS

LUKE..

CE- CECILY?

THAT MUCH METTLE IS TO BE ASPIRED TO!

IT'S FINE WITH ME!

OR ONE DAY YOU'RE GOING TO BREAK

THAT WAY OF THINKING IS ALL WONDER-FUL

BUT WHAT I'M SAYING IS YOU SHOULD LOOSEN UP A LITTLE

YOU'RE NOT CUTE

YOU'RE TOO STUB-BORN!

IT'S JUST THE WAY I AM!!

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM A MAN WHO'S ALWAYS DRAGGING AROUND THE BAGGAGE OF A WOMAN FROM THE PAST!!

AH...

NO... I DIDN'T MEAN...

WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT?

IT'S ENOUGH TO HAVE LOVED ONE WOMAN IN YOUR WHOLE LIFE

A STRANGER LIKE YOU SHOULDN'T BRING HER UP OVER EVERY LITTLE THING

WHAT'S WRONG WITH DRAGGING THAT ALONG WITH YOU?

WHEN A STRANGER CALLS, SHE SHOULD BE GREETED WITH CAUTION!

CE-CILY!

A STRANGER CALLING TOO LATE SHOULDN'T BRING HER UP ON A SNOWY LITTLE THING

YOU'RE NOT CUTE!

UGH...

BUT REALLY, YOU DO STINK OF BOOZE

COME ON, GUIDE ME

IS THIS THE HANG-OVER I HEARD ABOUT?

MY HEAD FEELS LIKE IT'S GOING TO CRACK

BUT SHOWING UP FOR WORK COVERED IN STENCH REALLY, WHAT A LAPSE IN SELF-CONTROL

THAT BLACK DEMON SWORD WOMAN

DURING THE EVENTS INVOLVING CHARLOTTE, SOMETHING HAPPENED BETWEEN US SO I DON'T WANT TO MEET HER NOW

CECILY

I APOLOGIZE, BUT I'LL STAY IN THE SHEATH TODAY

ARIA IT'S ABOUT YESTERDAY

I'M SORRY, BUT CALL ME AT ONCE IF ANYTHING HAPPENS

I'LL MEET HER WHEN I'VE ACQUIRED MORE SELF-CONFIDENCE

I WANT MORE TIME

CECILY, YOU'RE CUTE

IT SEEMS THAT IF I DON'T SAY IT, YOU WON'T UNDER-STAND, SO HERE...

YOU SHOULD DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO

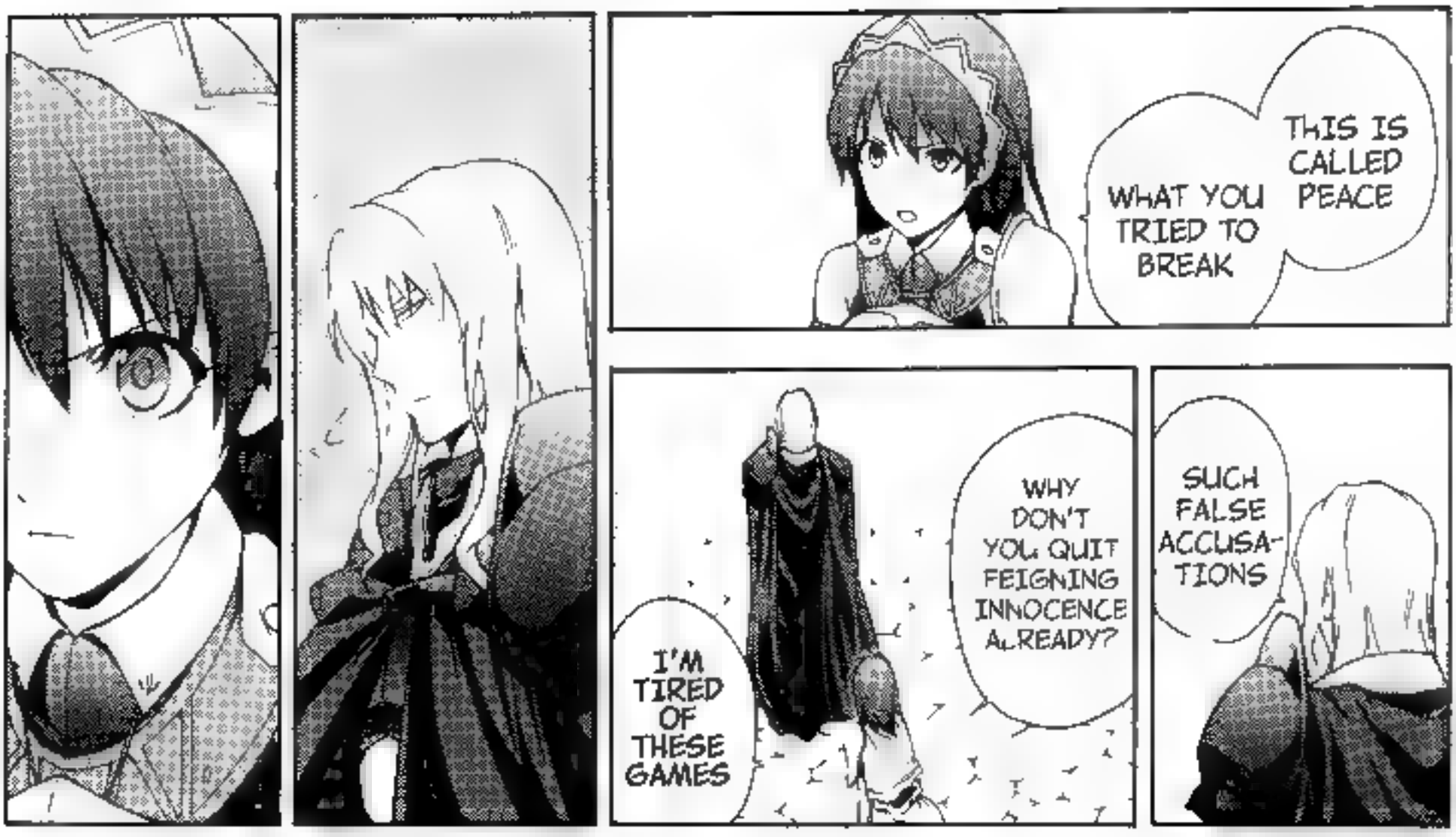
I'M ON YOUR SIDE

PARTNER...

WHAT AN UTTERLY BORING TOWN

OH, IT'S CECILY-SAN

CECILY-SAN!!


THIS IS CALLED PEACE
WHAT YOU TRIED TO BREAK
WHY DON'T YOU QUIT FEIGNING INNOCENCE ALREADY?
I'M TIRED OF THESE GAMES
SUCH FALSE ACCUSATIONS

YOU'VE BEEN THE MASTERMIND BEHIND ALL THE INCIDENTS UP TILL NOW, HAVEN'T YOU?

!!

...YES, IT WAS ME

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT ARIA!? WHAT ARE YOU SCHEM-ING!?

I KNEW IT, YOU'RE AFTER DEMON SWORDS!

BUT YOU HAVE NO PROOF

TRUE, IT WAS ME...

D-DON'T MESS WITH ME! IN THE WORST CASE, THIS MIGHT LEAD TO WAR!!

DON'T WORRY, IT WON'T CAUSE A WAR

EH?

HOW STU-PID

IF THE EQUILIB-RIUM FAILS, IT'LL BE LIKE THE GREAT WAR 44 YEARS AGO

THAT'S WHY IT WON'T BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN

.....!?

THE CONTINENT'S NATIONS ARE AFRAID OF ANOTHER GREAT WAR

WOMAN, ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE VALBANILL WAR TO SOME DEGREE?

UH YEAH

BASICALLY, EVERYONE IS A COWARD

EH?

AFRAID?

...TRULY, YOU LACK INTELLI-GENCE

WHA-WHAT-?

UTMOST CHAOS THAT DROVE EVEN THE NATIONAL AUTHORITIES INTO THEIR TINY SAFETY ZONES

THE PANDEMONIUM OF DEMONS RUNNING AMOK!!

A MULTITUDE OF REVOLTS!

THEY BURNED THEIR NEIGHBORS

THEY SUSPECTED THEIR NEIGHBORS

IGNORANT PEOPLE FEARED THE TRANSFORMATION INTO AN UNHUMAN AS A GOD'S CURSE

DEMONS, HUMANS WERE KILLING ONE ANOTHER

THE MASSES OF DEMONS DEVOURED PEOPLE FROM CITY TO CITY

THEY DECEIVED THE CITIZENS INTO CONSCRIPTION, FORCED THE DEMON CONTRACT ON THEM

WITH THEIR CHESTS RIPPED OPEN, WITH THEIR MINDS BEFUDDLED BY DRUGS, PEOPLE WERE SENT TO THE BATTLEFIELD

WHO WOULD WISH FOR SUCH A GREAT WAR?

AND THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULD BE PUT ON TRIAL FOR VIOLATING THAT LAW...

AFTER ALL, THE DOMAIN CONSENSUS HAS BEEN RAISED UNDER THE CONTINENTAL LAW

IT'S TRUE THAT KIND OF A WAR WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN

WHY DOES THE EMPEROR KNOW ABOUT IT?

IF IT'S BANNED

WHY DO I?

DO YOU UNDER-STAND THE WORD "DETER-RENCE"?

DE-TRE-?

DON'T TELL ME...

THE POWER THAT WILL CERTAINLY BE USED IF A WAR BREAKS OUT

Continent

Embi

Independent Trade Unit "Bousman"

IT'S TO POSSESS EQUAL POWER IN ORDER TO RESTRAIN EACH OTHER

militant nation

THE ORGA-NIZATION KNOWN AS THE CONTINEN-TAL LAW COUNCIL...

THE CROWD POWER

THE MILI-TANT NATION

HAH!

ALL POWERFUL ORGANIZA-TIONS RETAIN THE DEMON CONTRACT AS A DETERRENT...

BEING DEAD THE TRUTH...?

AM I

SHOULD BE KILLED....!!!

IT'S FINE IF EVERYTHING OTHER THAN ME PERISHES

THIS MAN

OBVIOUSLY, TO THE BLACK-SMITH'S PLACE

OI, WOMAN, GUIDE ME

WE'VE JUST WASTED TIME

T-TO WHERE!?

IT'S CECILY-SAN!?

CECILY-SAN!?

AT ONCE, AT ONCE AND I'LL MAKE HIM APOLO-GIZE!!

HE'LL GET ON HIS HANDS AND KNEES TOO!!

I'LL GO BRING LUKE AT ONCE!

P- P-P- P-P-P- PLEASE WAIT!

UH..

KCDCD

APOLO-
GIZE...!
! COME
ON LUKE
HURRY! !

HUUUH?
WHY
ARE YOU
HERE?

HEY

I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE THE LAST COUNCIL SESSION

SO THIS IS THE CITY THAT THE FIRST HOUS-MAN BUILT

AND YOU'RE THE DEMON THAT THE BLACK-SMITH OWNS

Y- YES

!

VALBANILL'S FLESH OR BLOOD IS MIXED INTO THIS DEMON, ISN'T IT?

...EH?

DON'T BE SILENT

HOW DID YOU KNOW?

AM I WRONG?

THIS LITTLE DEMON'S BODY IS MADE UP OF "SPIRITS" AND YOUR WOMAN'S "FLESH"... AND "VALBANILL'S BLOOD"

IT'S SIMPLE

THAT LAST UNHUMAN WANDERED INTO THIS CITY PURSUING THE SCENT OF VALBANILL

IT WASN'T BY ACCIDENT THAT, WHEN IT CHASED THE CLOSEST SOURCE OF THAT SMELL, IT CAME IN CONTACT WITH THIS LITTLE DEMON

WHY DON'T I SHARE MY CONJEC-TURE WITH YOU?

I AM... INSIDE OF ME IS...

LUKE! IS THIS REALLY TRUE!?

IF YOU LOOK AT IT THAT WAY

IT'S AMAZING, THE ULTIMATE HYBRID

IT DOESN'T MATTER, YOU ARE YOU!

NOTHING WILL CHANGE!!

PLEASE DON'T DODGE THE QUESTION!

THE REASON YOU'RE HERE!

WON'T CHANGE!

UH...

UH...

UH...

SAY, LET ME DISSECT THIS DEMON

MAYBE I'LL GAIN A LITTLE KNOWL-EDGE OF VALBANILL

I'M NOT IF I DID, THERE'D BE NO BENEFIT TO ME ANYWAY
TODAY, I ONLY WANTED TO CONFIRM...
SIEG-FRIED
IF YOU'RE PLANNING TO MAKE THIS PUBLIC
I WILL NEVER HAND LISA OVER
AND NEVER SHOW YOUR FACE AROUND HERE AGAIN
LEAVE THIS PLACE RIGHT NOW
THEN LEAVE

IF YOU DON'T... I WILL KILL YOU RIGHT NOW

LEAVE

UH... MMM

YOU TOO, GO

GET OUT, NOW

JUST WHAT ARE YOU UP TO!?

AND YOU BROUGHT IT TO NAUGHT IN THAT WAY!

MAYBE LUKE INTENDED TO KEEP IT A SECRET

WHAT?

THAT WAS NOTH-ING BUT MALICE!

HUH?

HE'S FORCING A SACRIFICE ON HIS HELPER DEMON

...DON'T TRUST THAT MAN TOO MUCH

FLESH SERVES AS GLUE TO HOLD A DEMON SWORD'S SHAPE TOGETHER

FOR EXA-MPLE

FLESH? HUH?

THE DEMON'S ABILITY--- "DEMON SWORD PURIFICATION", HAS A PRICE ATTACHED. AND THAT IS THE DEMON'S OWN FLESH.

WAIT, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

ERASED ..?

IT'S ERASED

EVERY TIME DEMON SWORD PURIFICATION IS CARRIED OUT, THAT LITTLE DEMON'S FLESH IS CONSUMED

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

EVENTUALLY DISAPPEAR

IF THAT ABILITY KEEPS BEING USED, AT THIS RATE THAT DEMON WILL

IT WASN'T LOVE. IT WAS A PRETENSE.

YOU SAW THAT BEAUTIFUL LOVE BETWEEN TEACHER AND STUDENT, RIGHT?

YOU'D BETTER NOT TRUST HIM

MAKING HER ADMIRE HIM, WAIT ON HIM

HE BUILT UP HIS CURRENT POSITION WITH DEMON SWORD PURIFICATION FOUNDED ON HER SACRIFICE

FORCING HER TO SACRIFICE HER FLESH

WHILE NOT LOSING ANYTHING HIMSELF

I WAS ABLE TO REALIZE IT...

WHAT I SHOULD BE

BY NEGATING EVERY COMPONENT FACTOR, HE'S DISCREDITING MY VALUES

A PERSON WHO'S A PART OF THE ENVIRONMENT I TRUST

WAIT... THIS MAN IS TRYING TO DISCREDIT THEM

...I UNDERSTAND YOUR POINT

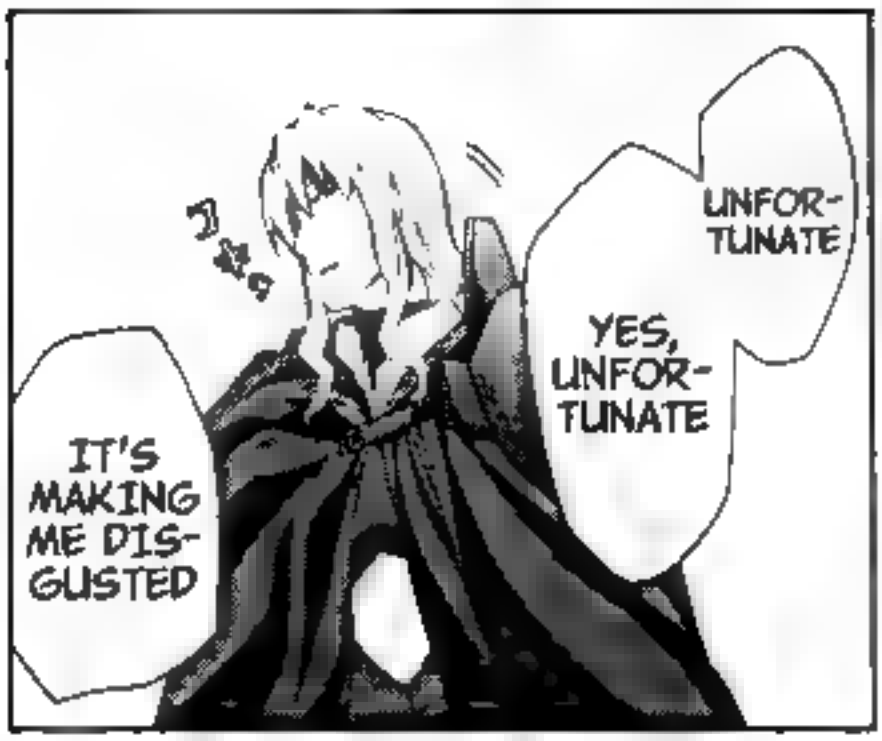
AND SO HE'S TRYING TO COMPLETELY NEGATE ME AS A PERSON

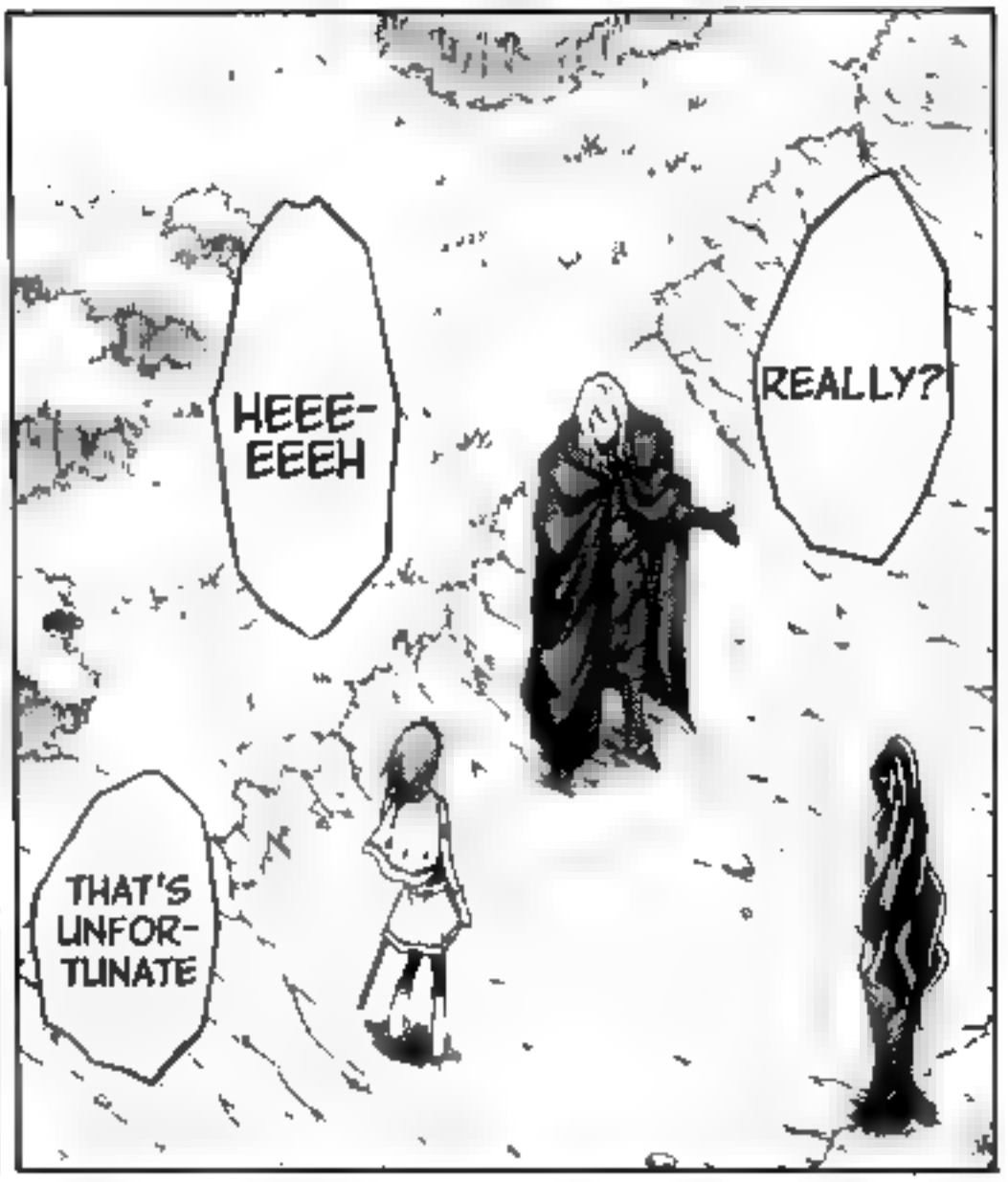
I WILL BELIEVE LUKE AINSWORTH

HEE-EEH?

REA-LLY?

HE IS SOMEONE WORTHY OF MY TRUST


IT'S MAKING ME DIS-GUSTED
YES, UNFOR-TUNATE
UNFOR-TUNATE


HEEE-EEEH
REALLY?
THAT'S UNFOR-TUNATE

...?

...UP
THAT'S WHY YOU MAKE ME WANT
I'VE GOT GOOSE-BUMPS

WHA-WHAT ...?

TO YOU PEOPLE
I WILL

AGHHH!!

WHA-!?

THAT'S WHY YOU MAKE ME

WANT TO MESS YOU UP

UH...

OU... UH...

GOHO! GOHO!

THIS IS...

A BARN... OUT IN THE FIELDS ...!?

YOU'D BETTER BECOME AWARE THAT YOU'RE JUST A WOMAN

UGH... UGH HH...

GUH!!

THAT FRAG-ILTY

FOOL-ISH-NESS

WEAK-NESS

YOU NEED SELF-AWARE-NESS

YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITHOUT YOUR DEMON SWORD, CAN YOU?

A...

ARIA!!

AH!

I HATE THEM

LOVE. TRUST

DON'T GLORIFY THIS WORLD!

I'M TIRED OF THEM!

DON'T GLORIFY YOUR-SELF!

UGEE!

HOU!!

UGH HH...

WHAT IS HE GOING TO DO

TO ME?

JUST

STOP

!!

THERE IS NO GOD

LIGHT WILL ROT AWAY

LOVE IS AN ILLU-SION

ASHES AND THE LINGER-ING SCENT WILL ONE DAY RETURN TO NOTHINGNESS

EVERY-THING WILL BE GONE

LOVE IS DISCRIMI-NATION

PEOPLE WILL BETRAY

YOU WILL DIE

AHHH, IS IT ALL FUTILE?

IS IT SAD?

IS IT WONDER-FUL?

HELP ME

LUKE!!

HELP ME...

NO ONE WILL COME
NO ONE WILL RESCUE YOU

HE WON'T COME

HE IS NOW EMBRAC-ING THE GIRL IN HIS ARMS

I AM...

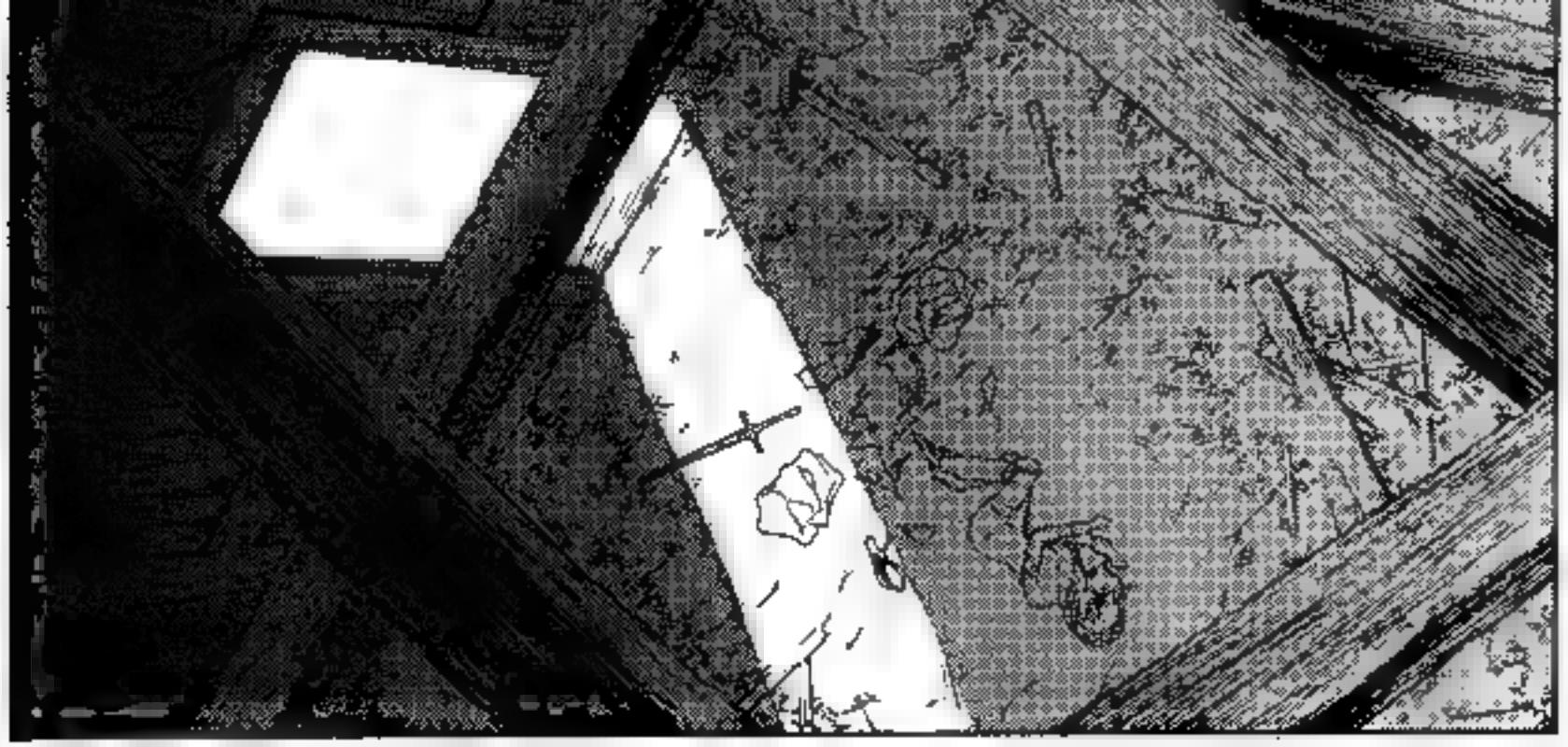
YOU HAVE A NICE BODY, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE A COUNTRY GIRL

BUT...

BUT THIS HAS MADE YOU UNDER-STAND, HASN'T IT?

I'M NOT INTER-ESTED
IT'S UNFORTUNATE, BUT MY BODY IN INCAPABLE OF SOME-THING LIKE THAT
IT'S INDIF-FERENT

I HATE YOU



AHA
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AUGH
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E

SOMEONE, PLEASE KILL THAT MAN

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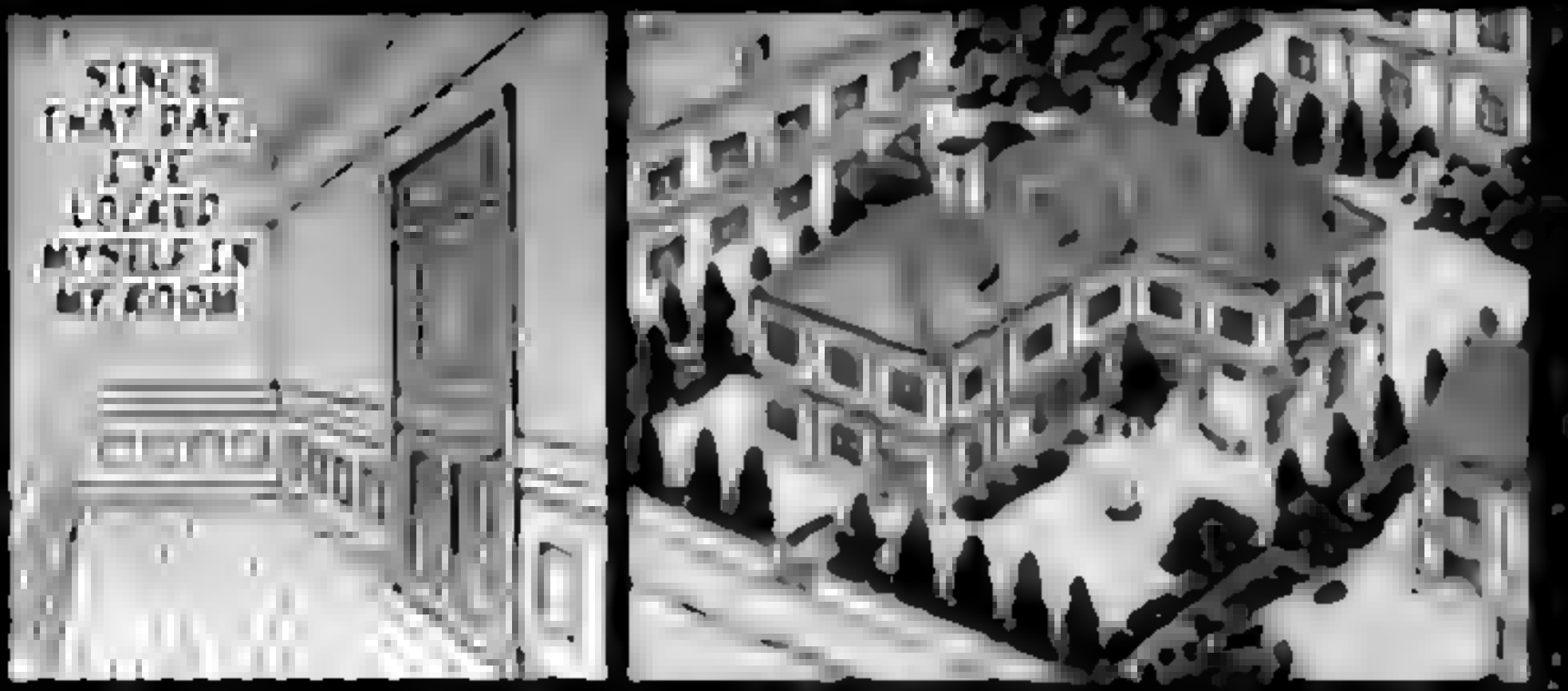
NEW POLICY:
PLEASE DO NOT REHOST
THIS MANGA ANYWHERE.
SITES ALLOWED: BATOTO

I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO BE TOLD ABOUT THIS

I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO KNOW

ESPECIALLY HIM...

IF HE FOUND OUT, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE OVER



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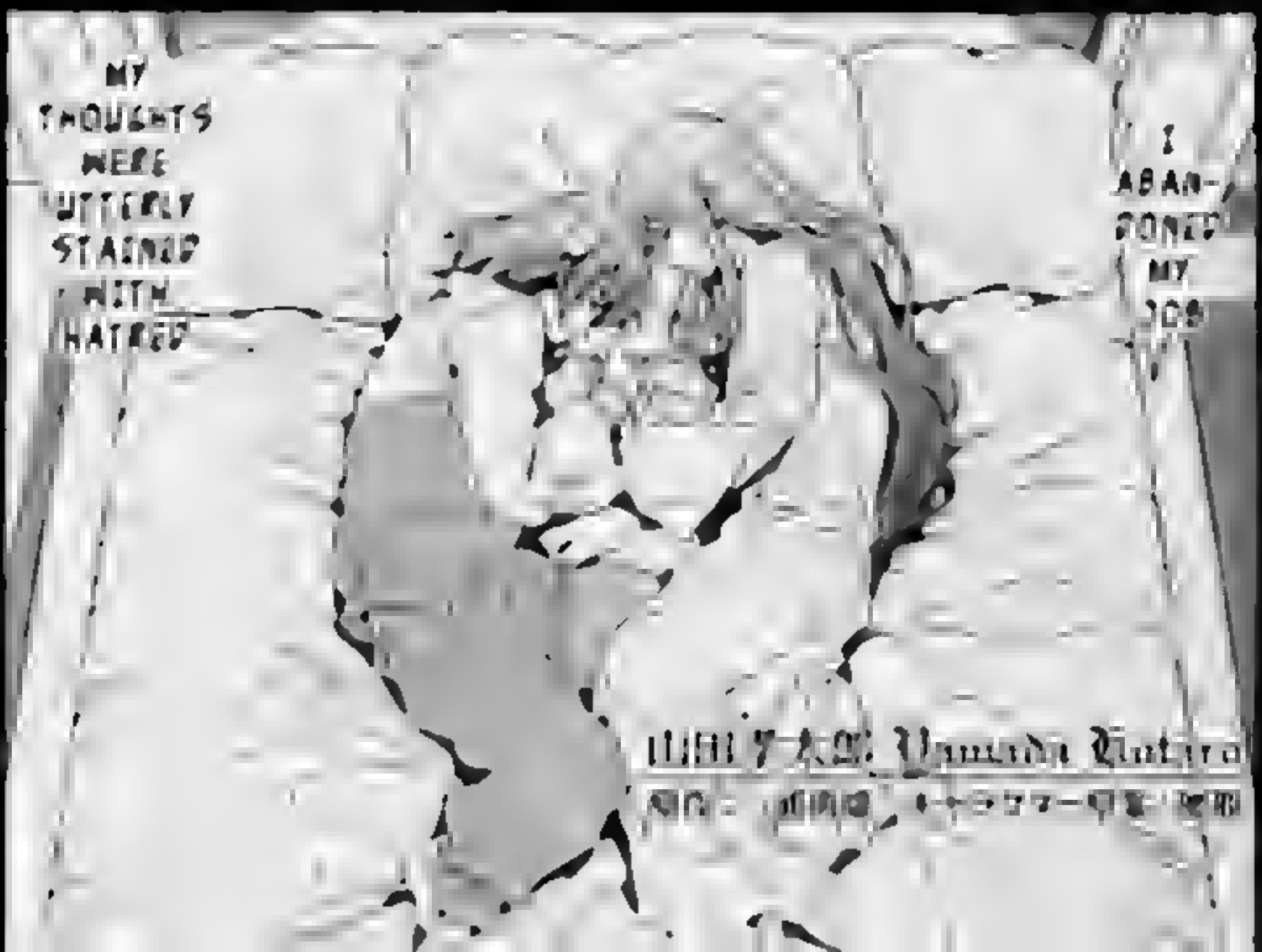


I COULDN'T THINK OF ANYTHING BUT THAT AND IT WAS DRIVING ME INSANE
I HAD TO JUST GET AWAY

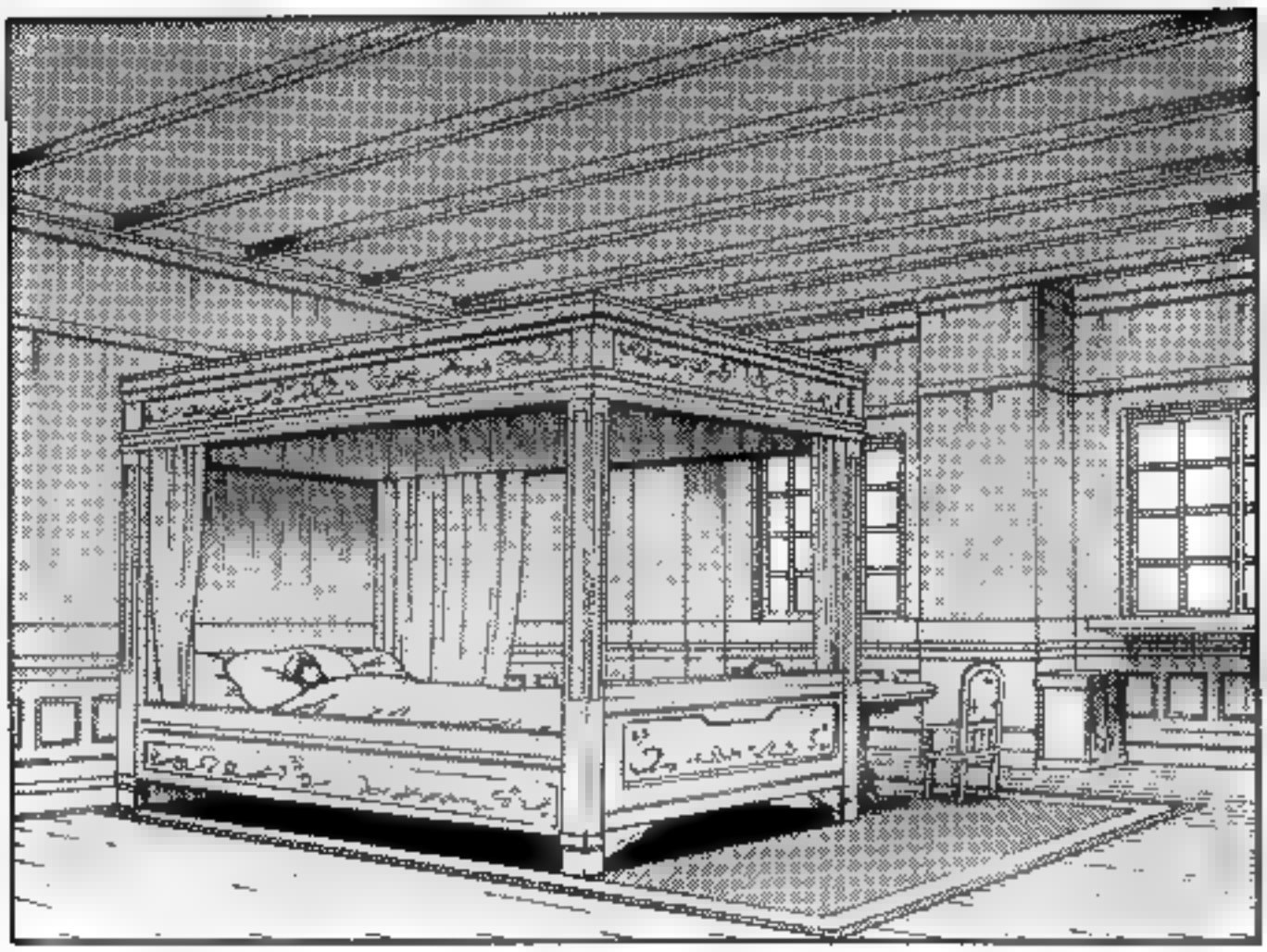
AHH...

NO

THE DISCIPLINE AND THE WILL TO FIGHT I'VE CULTIVATED UP TILL NOW, WHAT WERE THEY?

I WAS TRAMPLED DOWN QUICKLY AND EASILY...

I AM NOTHING BUT A POWER-LESS...



AH!

THREE
DAYS
PASSED

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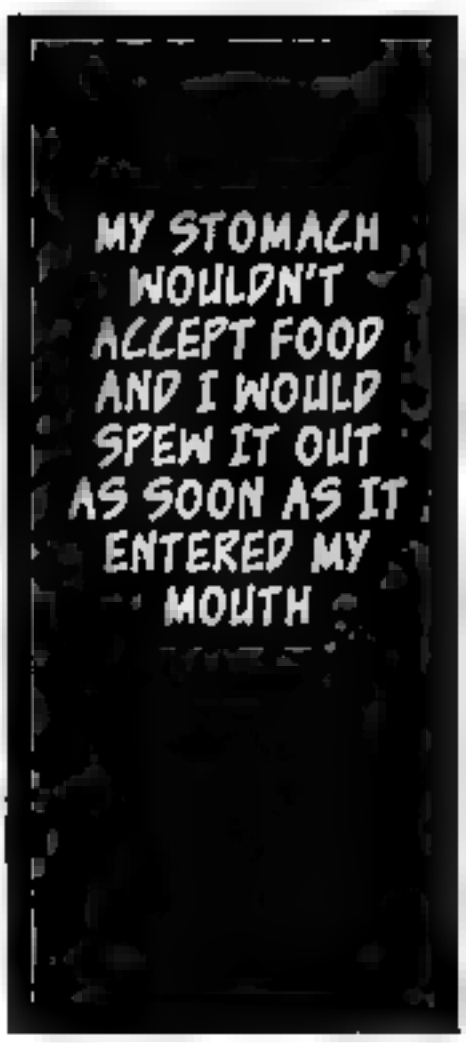
MY STOMACH
WOULDN'T
ACCEPT FOOD
AND I WOULD
SPEW IT OUT
AS SOON AS IT
ENTERED MY
MOUTH

WHICH
SAPPED
THE
STRENGTH
FROM MY
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CHANGED
INTO AN
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FEELING OF
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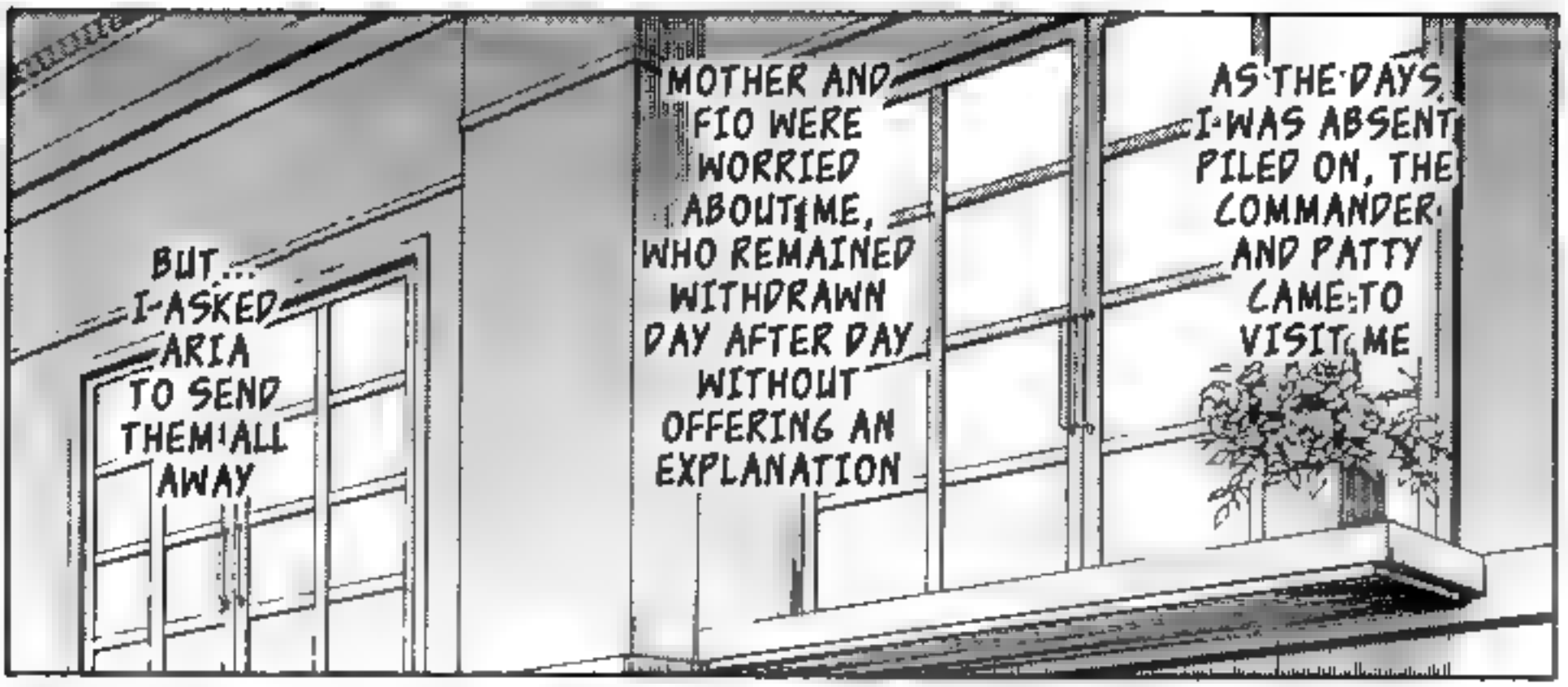
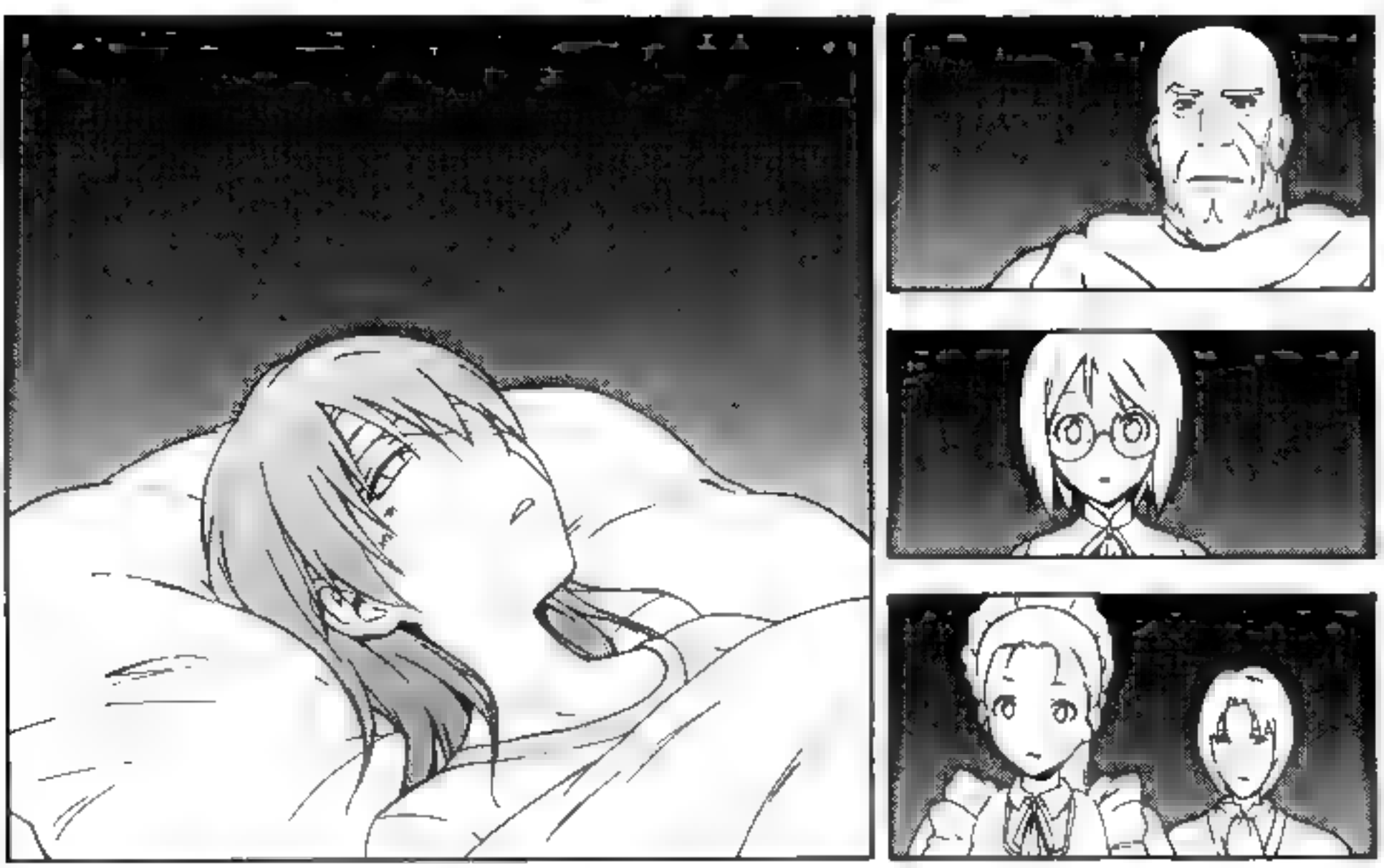
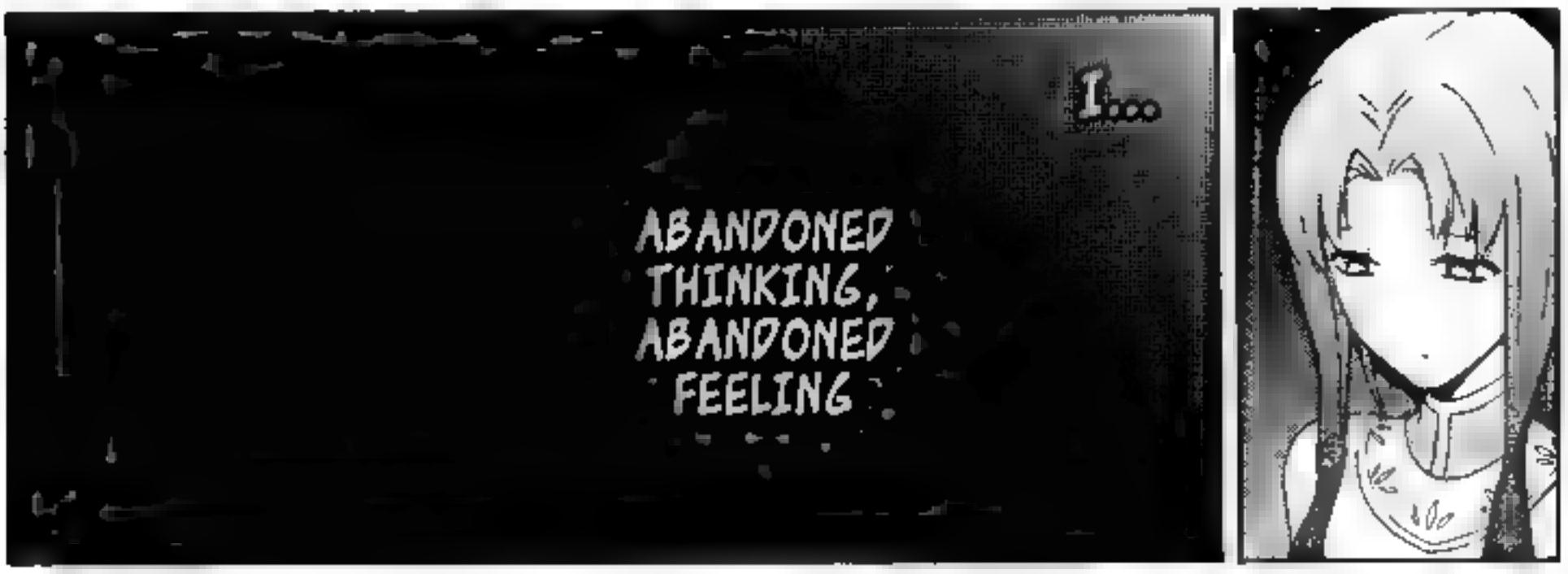

BUT... I ASKED ARIA TO SEND THEM ALL AWAY
MOTHER AND FIO WERE WORRIED ABOUT ME, WHO REMAINED WITHDRAWN DAY AFTER DAY WITHOUT OFFERING AN EXPLANATION
AS THE DAYS I WAS ABSENT PILED ON, THE COMMANDER AND PATTY CAME TO VISIT ME

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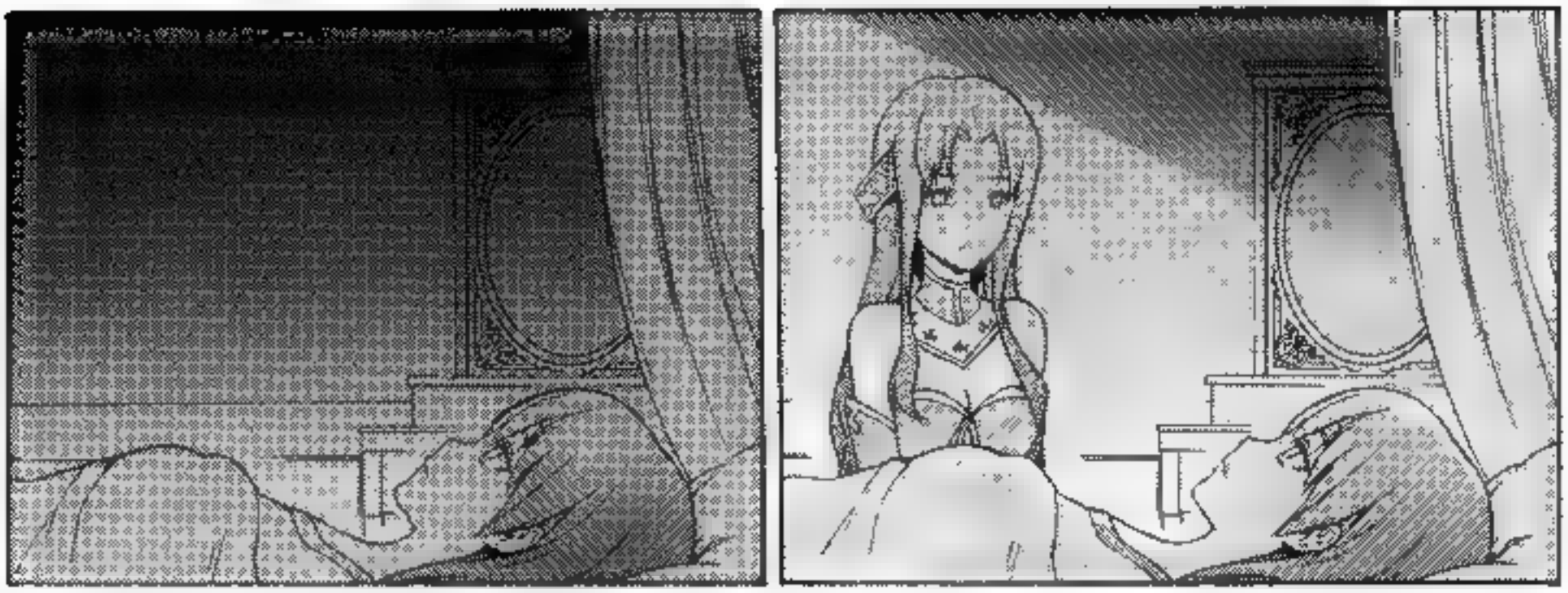
ABANDONED THINKING, ABANDONED FEELING



I DON'T INTEND TO REMAIN LIKE THIS

BUT... ONLY FOR NOW, I WANT TO BE LEFT IN PEACE

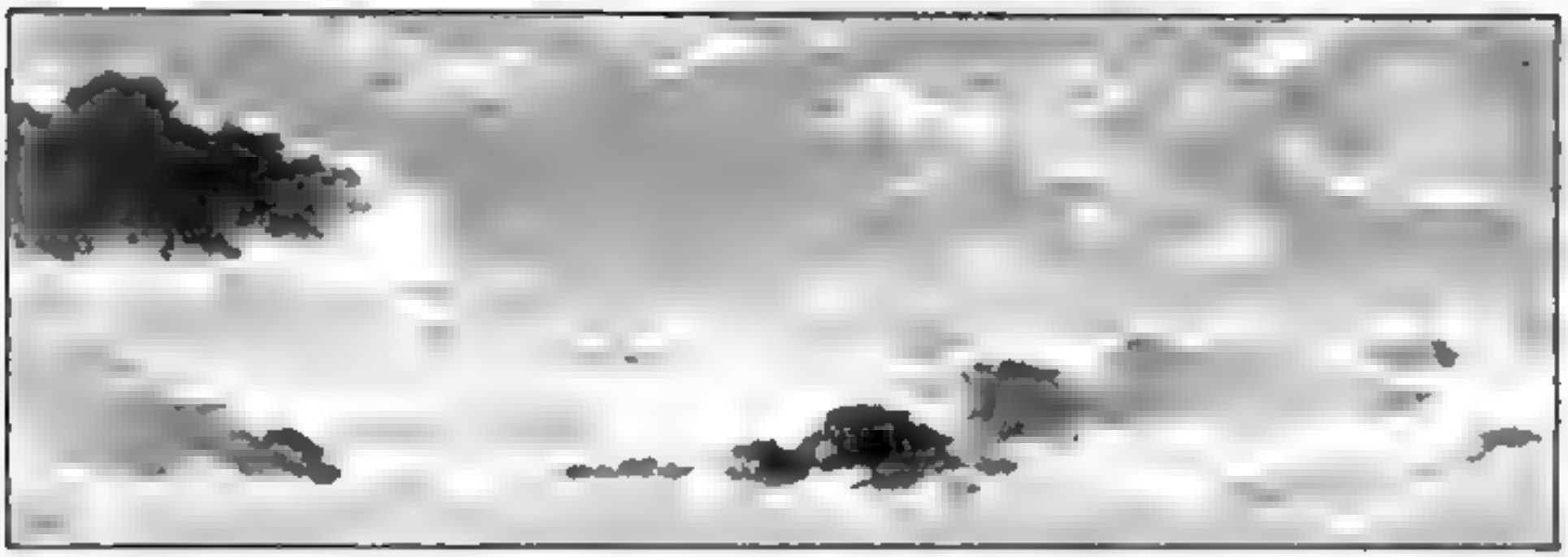
WAS BECAUSE I WAS SHOWN THAT I WAS A "WOMAN" IN SUCH A MANNER

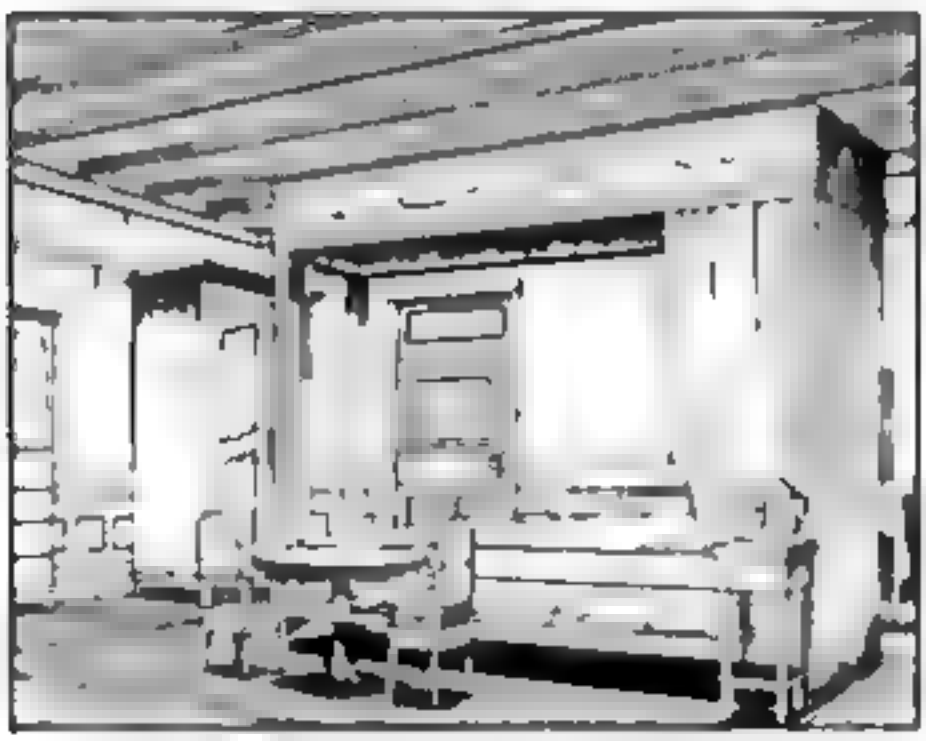
THE REASON MY MIND SMOLDERED SO MUCH

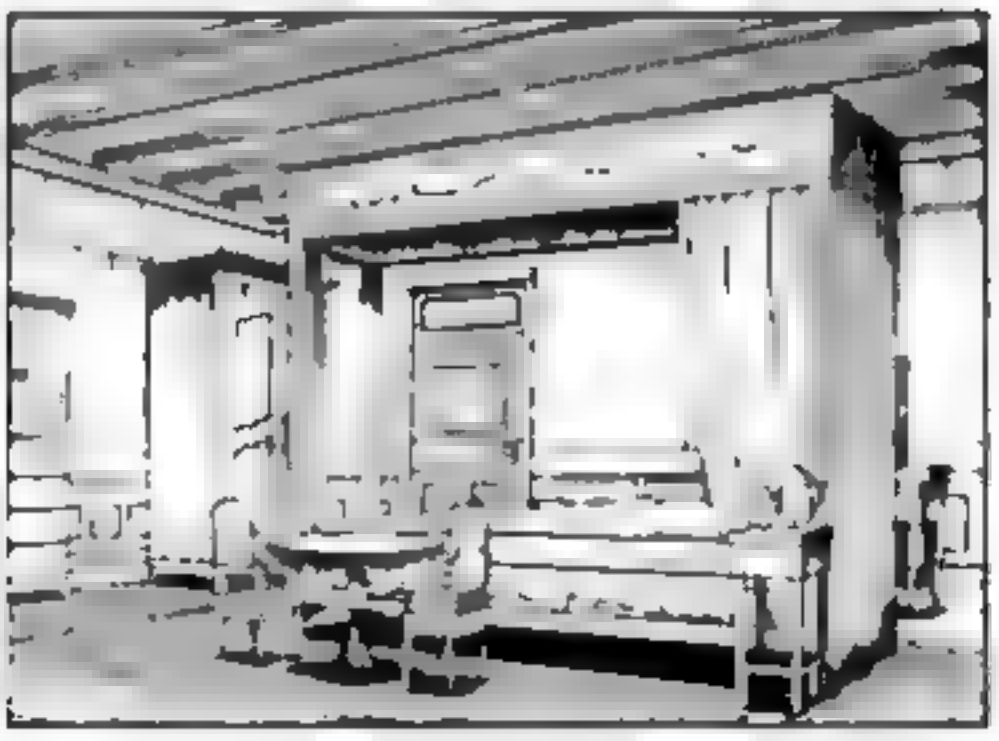
I NEED JUST A LITTLE LONGER UNTIL I RECOVER

THAT'S WHY I NEED TIME

UNTIL THESE MEMORIES WEAKEN, UNTIL I GET MY USUAL SPIRIT BACK







THERE'S A DEMON RUNNING WILD IN THE CITY...!

CE-CILY!

LOOK! THAT FUGITIVE SENTENCED TO EXECUTION!

IT SEEMS HE GOT CORNERED AND USED THE DEMON CONTRACT!

DEMON?

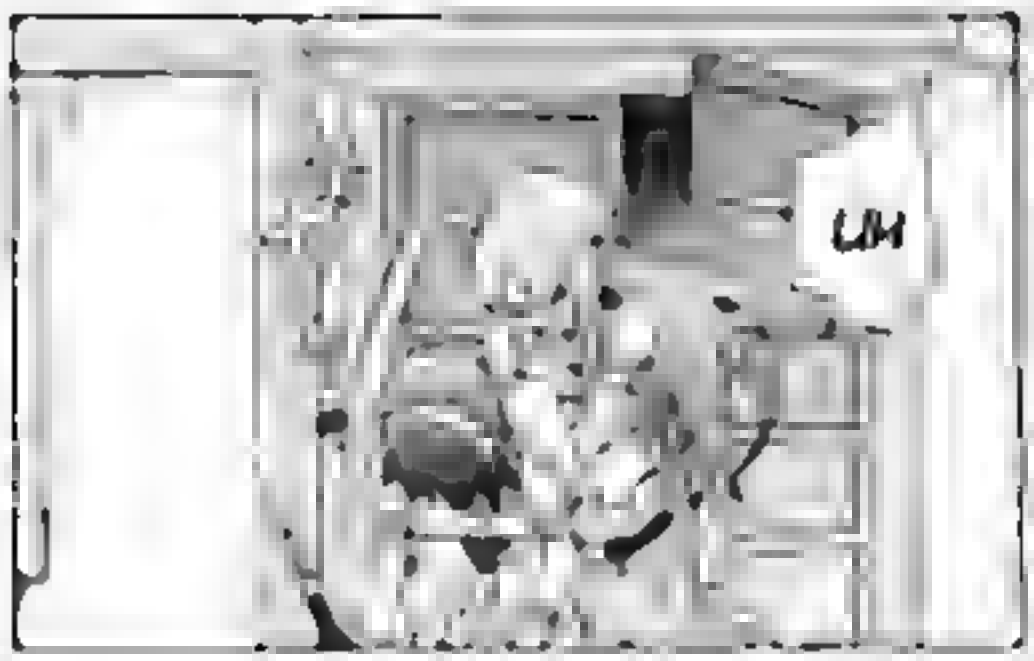
...REALLY

THEN GET UP!

STAND!

IS IT ALL RIGHT TO LEAVE IT LIKE THIS!?

IT'S NOT ALL RIGHT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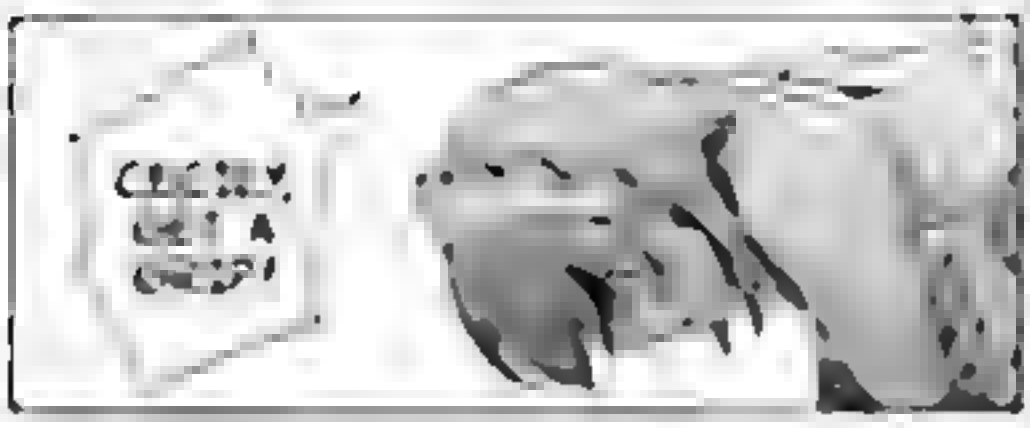

IF ONLY IT WASN'T FOR THIS SHEATH...

HAA.

HAA

PLAYING THE BLAME GAME NOW

BACK THEN, ARIA WAS ENSCONCED IN HER SHEATH AND COULDN'T TURN INTO A HUMAN

IF SHE WERE IN HER HUMAN FORM, MAYBE SHE COULD'VE RESCUED ME...

I WANT TO GO BACK

JHHH.

WHERE DID THE FEELING OF INVINCIBILITY I HAD SO MUCH OF GO?

HOW PATHETIC...

CECILY

THERE IS NO WAY SOMEONE LIKE ME CAN FIGHT...

I'M JUST... A WEAK "WOMAN"...

WHAT KIND OF A PERSON WAS I?

I DON'T REMEMBER MYSELF THE WAY I USED TO BE

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!

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THEM?

THE CITI-ZENS

ARE THE KNIGHT GUARDS FACING THE DEMON?

H... HOW MANY DEAD?

HOW MANY INJURED...

ARE NO MATCH FOR A DEMON...

THE KNIGHT GUARDS, WITHOUT A DEMON SWORD AMONG THEM

I MUST GO.

I MUST

I...

ΖΕΑΑΗΗ!!

NOW!

HAAAAH!!

GAH

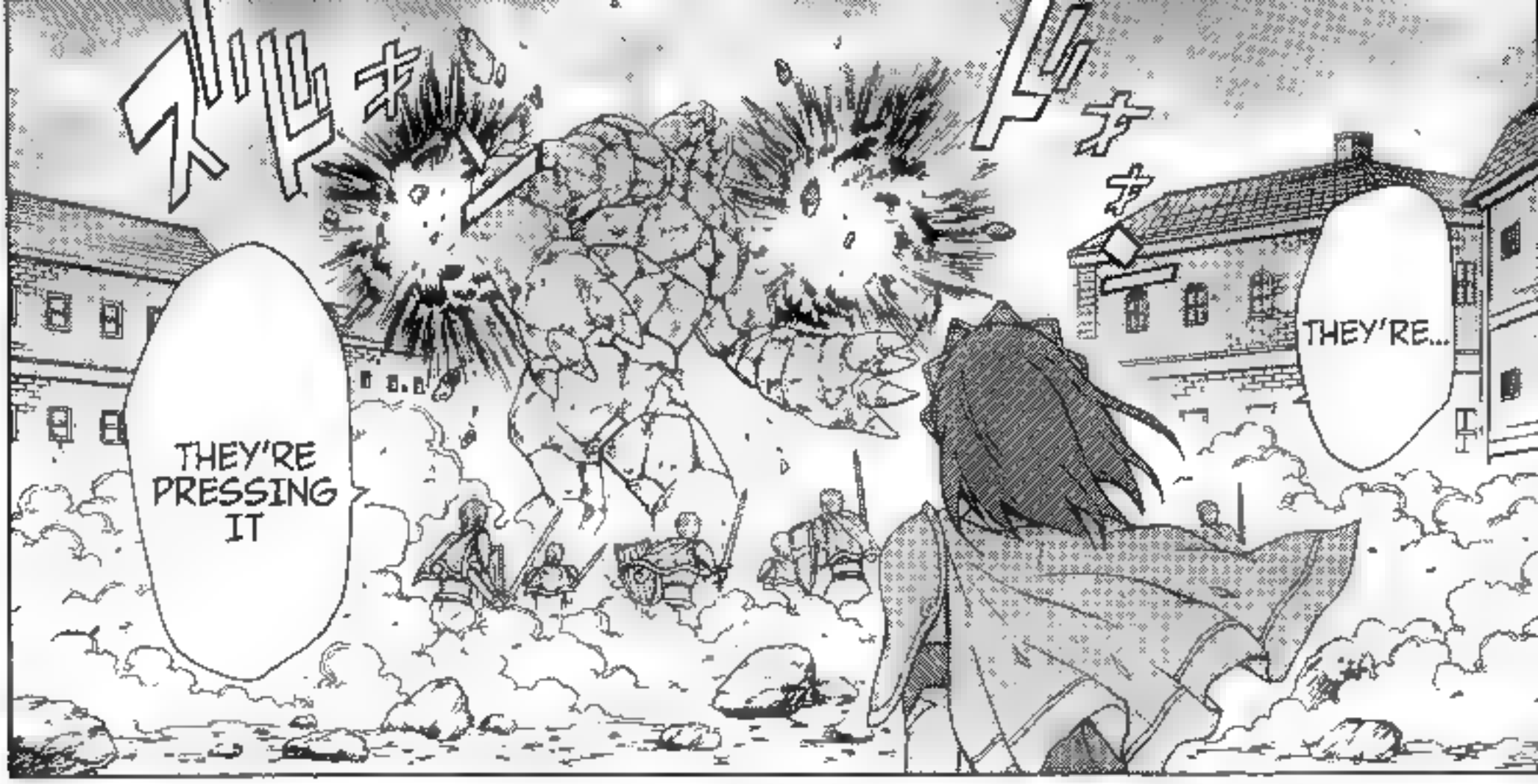
Y... YEAH!

IT'S DOWN!

DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN!

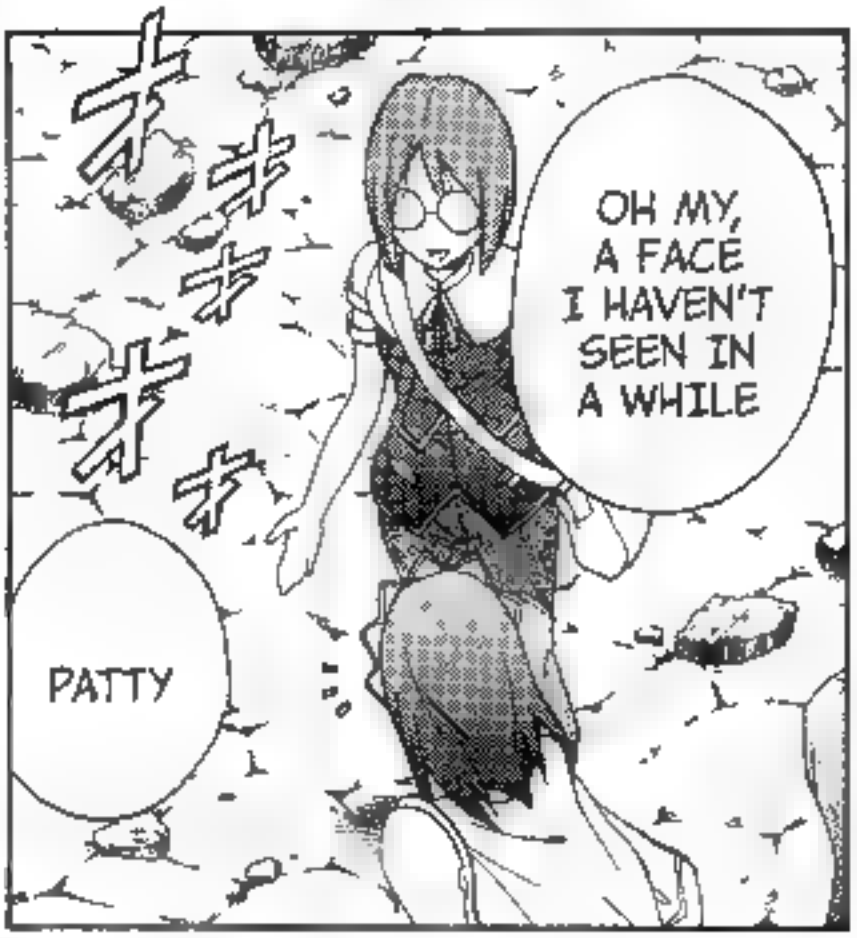
THERE'S ANOTHER BODY LEFT

YEAAAAAAH-!!


THEY'RE PRESSING IT
THEY'RE...

NONE
TELL ME, WAS THERE ANY HARM TO THE CITI-ZENS!?

I TOLD YOU, WE'VE DEVELOPED COUNTER-MEASURES


OH MY, A FACE I HAVEN'T SEEN IN A WHILE
PATTY

ACTUALLY, EVERYONE IN THE KNIGHT GUARDS WAS FRETTING OVER THE HARM THAT BEFELL THE CITIZENS DURING THE LAST INCIDENT
IT WASN'T JUST YOU, CECILY
WE HAD THE CITIZENS TAKE SHELTER URGENTLY, SO THERE WERE NO INJURIES

"FAILURE LEADS TO FUTURE SUCCESS" ...THEY SAID

"WE WON'T LET ANYONE DIE, WE'LL PROTECT THEM ALL WITHOUT EXCEPTION"

...

CAPTURE THE FUGI-TIVE!

ALL RIGHT! NOW!

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NO, TAKE COVER!!

!?

D...
DEMON
CON-
TRACT!?

GAH!

H...
HOW
!?

UWOO
OO!?

WAH!

AH!

CECI-
LY!!

UH...

!

CECILY!

RELEASE HER, MON-STER!!

CE-CILY!

AH...

AH

...!!

NO...

THIS... IS TOO MUCH ALREADY!!

ST...

..RIGHT

I AM...

CECILY CAMPBELL...

AS A KNIGHT, CARRY OUT YOUR TRUE MISSION!

CECILY CAMBELL !!

TCH!

WHAT ARE YOU SPACING OUT FOR!?

REGI-NALD

WHAT DID YOU GET THE MONOPOLY OF!?

THE DEMON SWORD!

THAT'S RIGHT...

THE PROUD ORGANIZATION, THE INDEPENDENT TRADE CITIES KNIGHT GUARDS

I AM CECILY CAMBELL...!!

I'M ONE OF ITS MEMBERS, CECILY CAMBELL

...NO!!

SOMEONE WHO WOULD FALL ON HER KNEES AFTER GETTING BEAT DOWN JUST ONCE...?

WAS CECILY CAMBELL REALLY POWERLESS?

SHE COULDN'T SAVE ANYONE?

WAS SHE SUCH A WEAK "WOMAN"!?

!!

COME!

ARIA!!

CECILY, FINALLY...

FINALLY YOU'VE REMEMBERED!

IF WE JOIN OUR HANDS TOGETHER

RIGHT

WE'LL BE INVINCIBLE!!

WIND!!

CECILY!

THANK YOU, EVERY-ONE...!

I WILL BRING THIS ONE DOWN!!

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NEW POLICY:
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LUKE WON'T COME

FROM HERE ON OUT

HE WON'T RESCUE ME

NOT BE THE ONE BEING RESCUED; I WILL BE THE RESCUER

I WILL

YOU MUST SAVE YOURSELF WITH YOUR OWN STRENGTH

ALWAYS

FOR THE SAKE OF THAT, I WILL EVEN DISCARD MY "WOMANHOOD"

-The Day of the Ball-

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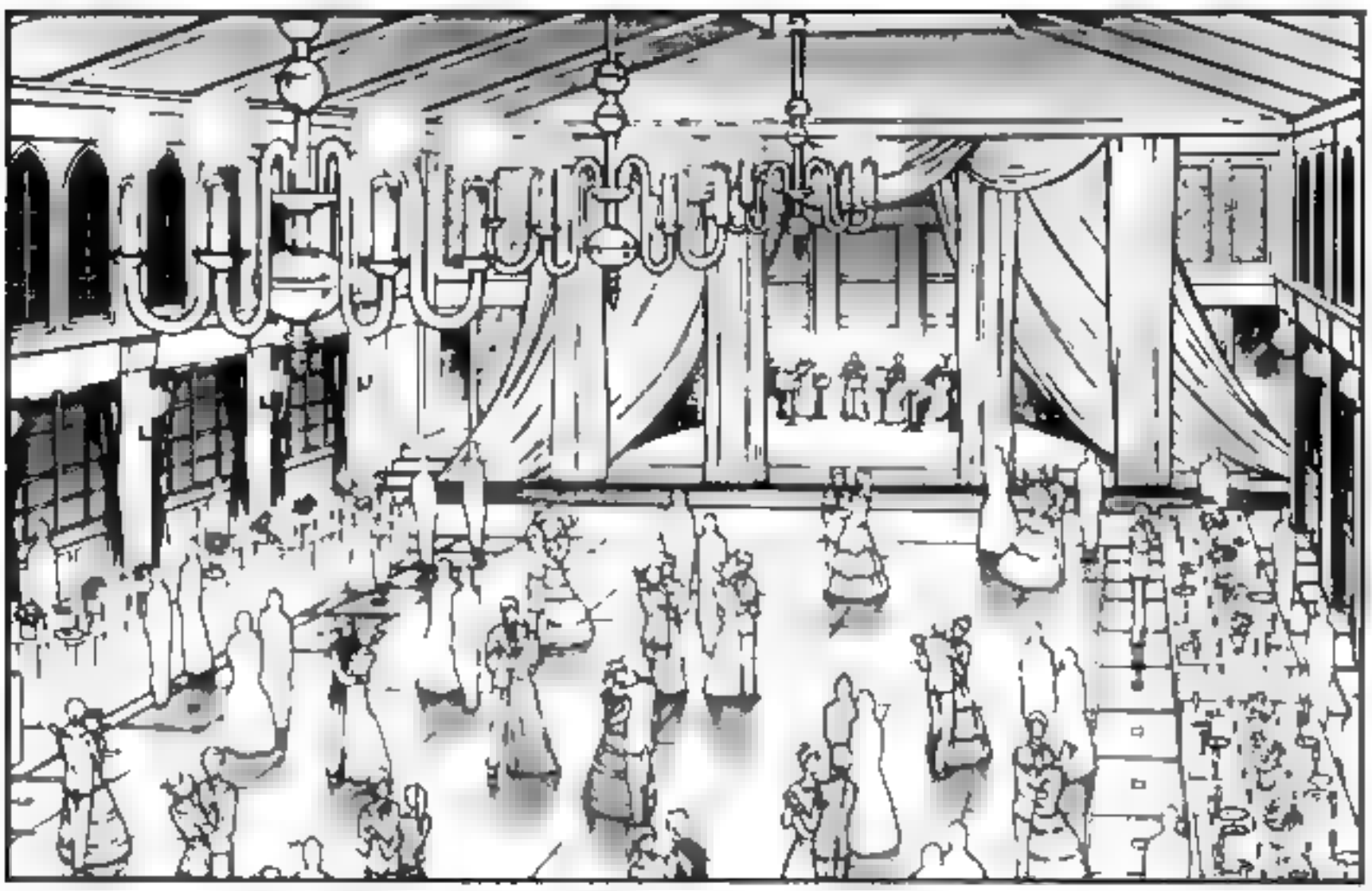
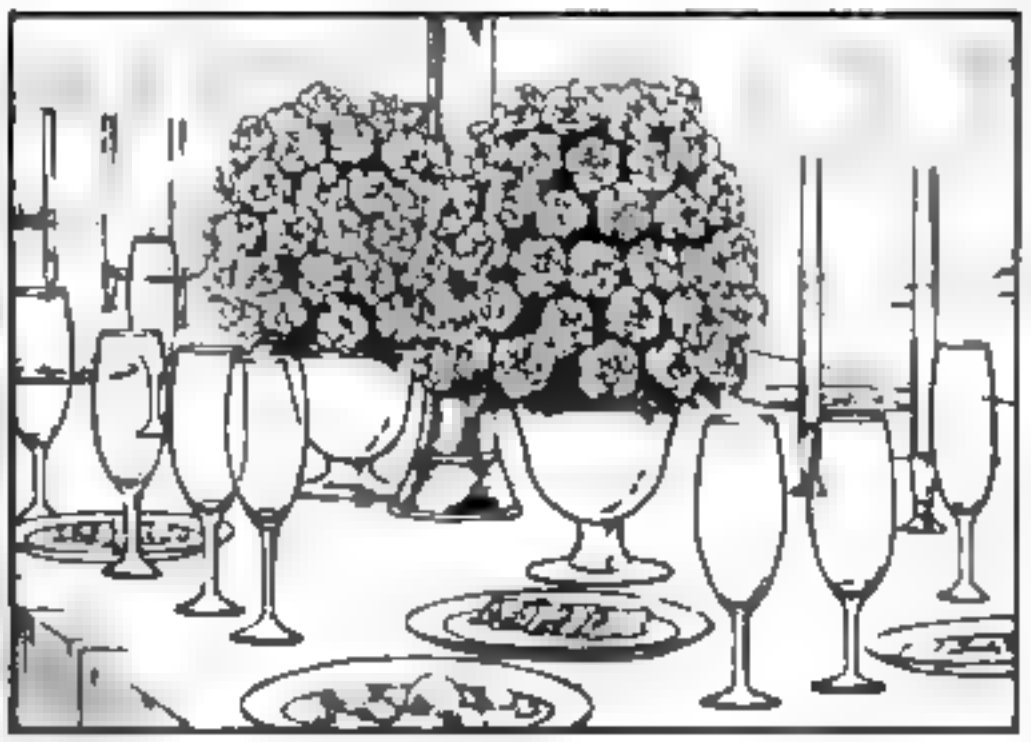
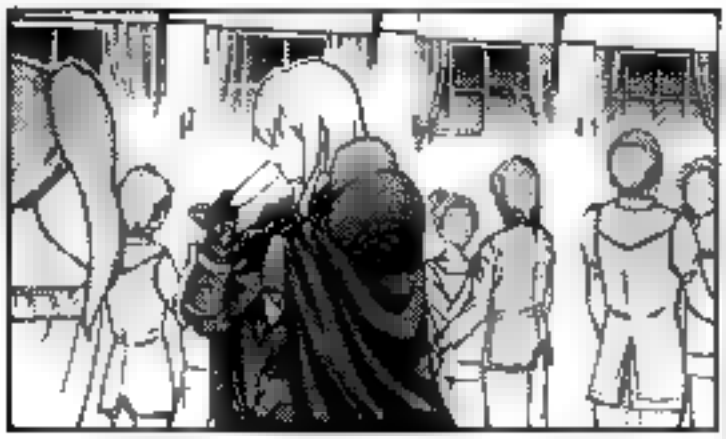
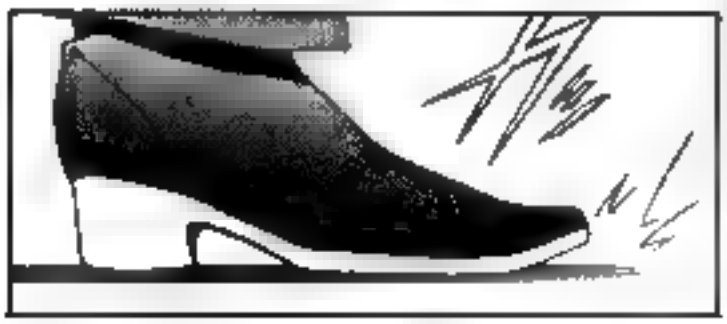
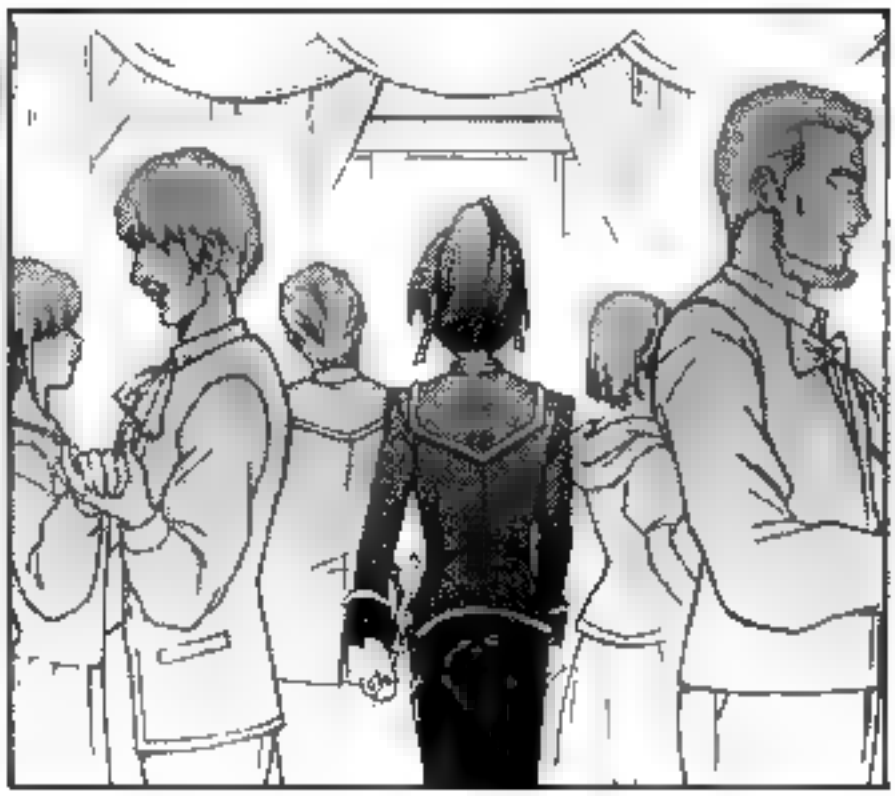
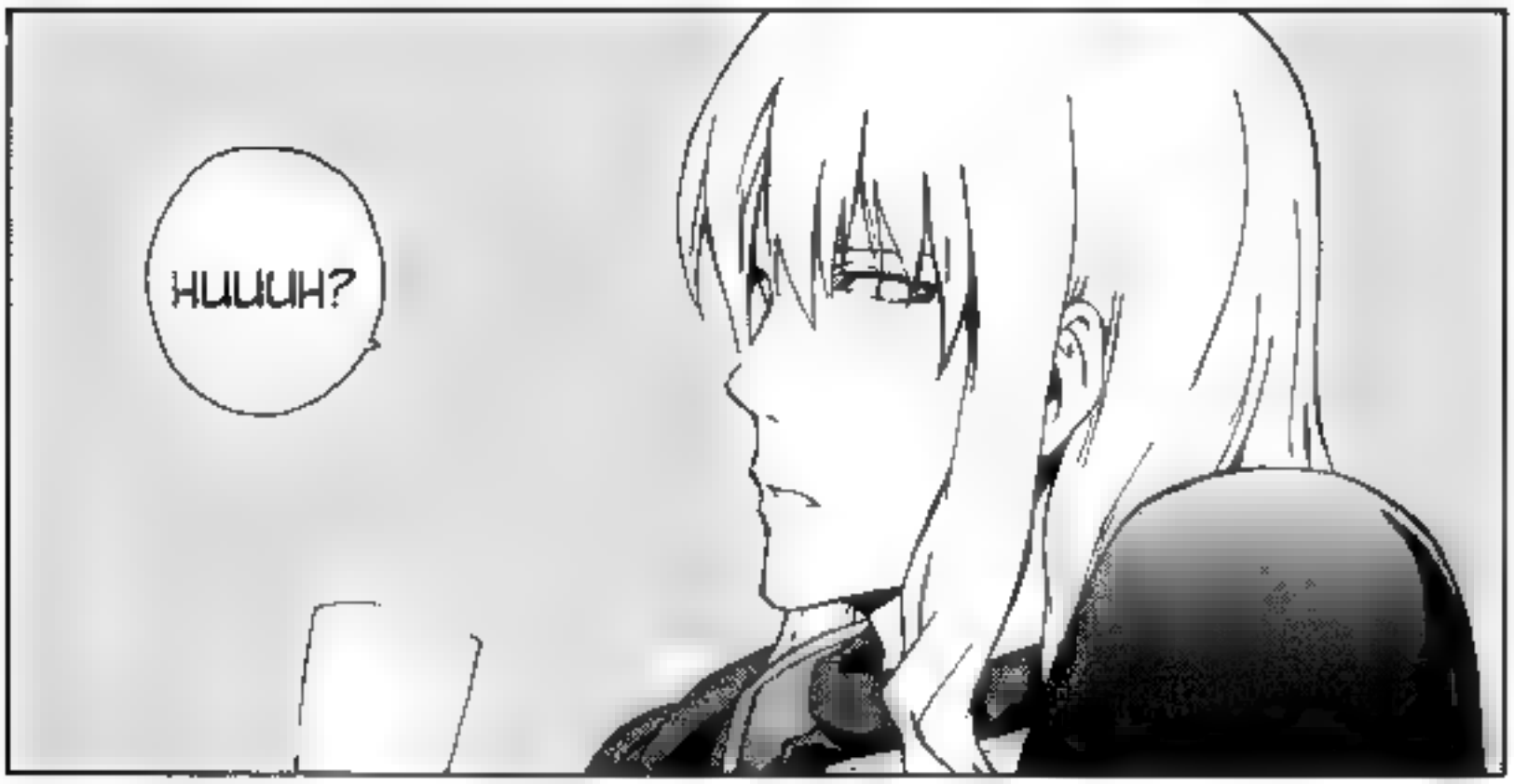











HUUUH?

AND WHAT'S WITH THAT OUTFIT?
WELL WELL WELL
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D COME

BECAUSE A DRESS WOULD BE A HIN-DRANCE

A MAN'S CEREMONIAL ATTIRE...

...SO YOU'VE DISCARDED YOUR WOMAN-HOOD?

I SEE. WELL, CERTAINLY I WAS PROMISED AN ESCORT EVEN TO THIS "BALL"

SINCE YOU'D SKIPPED YOUR DUTIES FOR SOME REASON, I THOUGHT WE'D NEVER MEET AGAIN

I AM CHALLENGING YOU TO A DUEL

UNEXPECTEDLY, YOU'VE GOT BACKBONE

I MUST OVERCOME A MAN LIKE YOU

ACCEPT IT, SIEGFRIED

I WILL ACCEPT ANY DEMAND FROM YOU

SHOULD I LOSE

AND IF I WIN, YOU WILL NEVER LAY A FINGER ON LISA AGAIN

YOU'VE SAID THAT EVERY NATION USES THE DEMON CONTRACT AS A DETERRENT

BUT THIS CITY IS DIFFERENT

HMM

WELL, HOLD ON

YOU DID A GREAT JOB CLEANING UP THAT FUGITIVE

IT WAS A GREAT SERVICE

KU KU KU

BUT WHO COULD'VE THOUGHT HE'D USE THE DEMON CONTRACT?

NO MATTER WHO THE ENEMY IS, WE WILL NOT USE SUCH A FILTHY POWER

I WILL PROTECT THE CITIZENS WITH THESE HANDS, THESE FEET, THIS BODY

AND THEN

I WILL SEAL VALBANILL WITHOUT A HITCH, AND CLEANLY SWEEP AWAY THE FATE THAT AWAITS MY FRIENDS

WHAT A FANTASTIC STORY

SUCH PRETTY WORDS WON'T GO FAR

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF LAMENTING HOW POWERLESS I AM

THEY ABSOLUTELY WILL

THEY WILL

I WILL DO SOMETHING. SO I DECIDED.

IT'S NO REASON TO SUPPRESS MY IDEALS AND PRINCIPLES, AND REMAIN IDLE

I WILL MAKE IT A REALITY

I WILL CRUSH YOUR CONSPIRACY RIGHT HERE!

ALRIGHT, I ACCEPT

...NOW THEN

HUH?

I WANT TO SUBJUGATE SOMEONE LIKE YOU

IF I WIN, YOU WILL BECOME MY SLAVE

.....

LET GO...
STO.. P

NO...!

WE'RE GOING TO DUEL, AREN'T WE?
DON'T BE SO COLD

WILL BE ME

THE ONE WHO WILL DUEL YOU

EVEN SIR BLACK-SMITH SHOWED UP

LUKE...

...HE CAME
WELL WELL WELL

LUKE... CAME...!

BUT DUELING IN PLACE OF THE WOMAN?

PERFECT SEGUE

IT MUST BE MY CONJECTURES I SHARED WITH YOU THE OTHER DAY

AHH

BUT WHY 昨?

WHAT ARE YOU SO ANGRY ABOUT?

OHHH?

ABOUT THE FUGITIVE AND THE UNHUMAN THAT HAVE BEEN THE HOT TOPIC LATELY?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LISTEN TO MY CONJECTURES THIS TIME?

SACRED SWORDS ARE INDISPENSABLE AGAINST VALBANILL...

AN UNHUMAN IMPLANTED WITH THEM

BECOMES AN AUTONOMOUS WEAPON

IF THERE ARE A FEW OF THEM, THEY'RE QUITE CAPABLE OF DESTROYING A TOWN

FIRST, ABOUT THAT MOUNTAIN OF SWORDS ON THE UNHUMAN

THIS IS PROOF THAT THE EMPIRE TOO HAS BEEN TRYING TO MAKE SACRED SWORDS

THOSE SWORDS WERE MADE OF THE SAME MATERIALS THAT A SACRED SWORD IS MADE OF

WHY WERE YOU TRANSPORTING THE UNHUMAN AND THE CONVICT AT THE SAME TIME?

AND THEN, THE FUGITIVE WHO PERFORMED THE DEMON CONTRACT

.....

TELL ME HONESTLY

I WONDER

WAS HE A SURVIVOR FROM THE WAR?

WHY DID A SIMPLE CONVICT KNOW HIS DEATH WORD?

THE EMPIRE WAS TRYING TO TEST IF THE UNHUMAN WEAPON WOULD WORK AGAINST A DEMON SERVING AS A "VIRTUAL VALBANILL", WASN'T IT?

THE PRISONER WAS GIVEN THE DEMON CONTRACT SO HE COULD BE USED FOR THE UNHUMAN WEAPON TO GAIN COMBAT EXPERIENCE

YOU STILL DON'T GET IT

I'M FINE TALKING TO THE MILITARY, OR THE CONTINENTAL LAW COMMITTEE

ANYWAY

KEEP YOUR NONSENSICAL ACCUSATIONS IN CHECK

I... CAN'T STOMACH ANYTHING ABOUT YOU

QUIT NITPICKING AND FIGHT ME

I AM CHALLENGING YOU

SUCH STUPID-

IF I WIN, YOU WILL LET ME DISSECT YOUR HELPER

BUT THERE'S A CONDI-TION

...AL-RIGHT, I'LL ACCEPT

BUT THAT SORT OF THING WILL NEVER EVER BE POSSIBLE!!

LI-LISA !?

EVEN IF THE ONE IN QUES-TION AGREES?

...I HAVE NO CHOICE THEN

I DON'T MIND!

IF LUKE LOSES, DO WHATEVER YOU WANT WITH MY BODY!!

IF I WIN, DON'T EVER LAY A FINGER ON CECILY CAMBELL

BUT I HAVE A CONDI-TION TOO

EH?

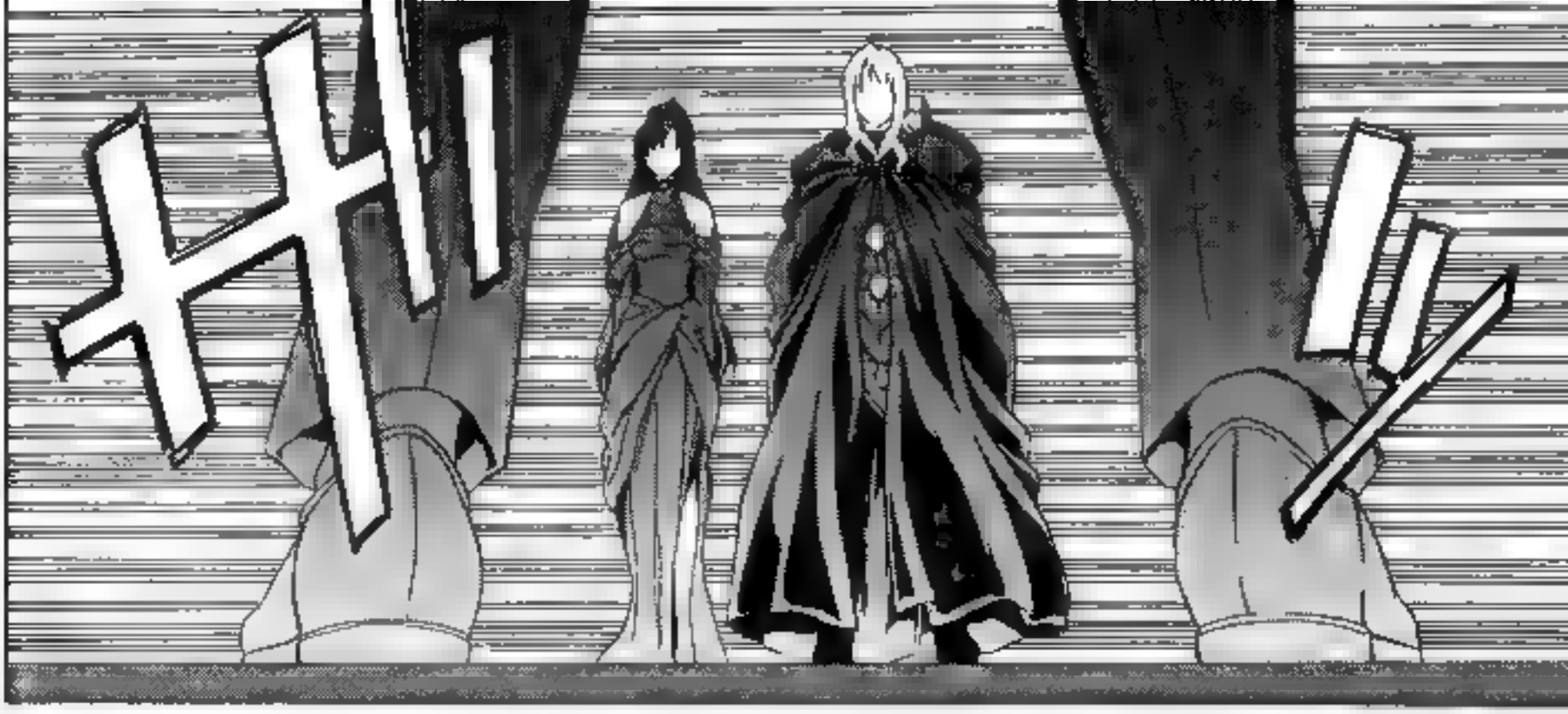
WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?

EH...

EH?

QUITE A DEVO-TION

ALRIGHT, IT'S A DEAL


ナナ!!

ARISE FROM SLEEP
BRING AN END
SHROUD YOUR SELF IN DARK NESS
...SLAY GOD

OHH...
IT'S A DEMON SWORD!

EVADNE
YES

!!

..ARIA-SAN TOLD US EVERY-THING

LUKE!!

IF YOU LOSE, NO DINNER FOR YOU!

JUST WHY..

WHY ARE YOU GUYS HERE !?

ARIA-SAN SAID

THAT LUKE IS THE PERSON WHO YOU DIDN'T WANT TO KNOW ABOUT IT THE MOST

THAT'S WHY NOW HE HAS TO BE THE PERSON YOU WANT TO SEE THE MOST

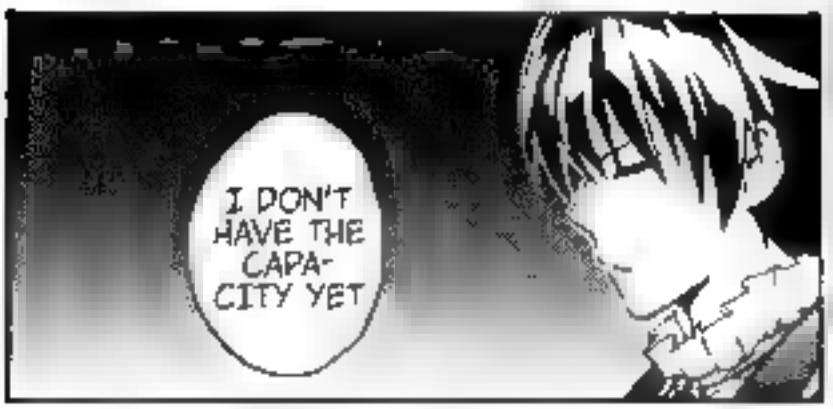
ARIA...!!

HE FEELS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THE SHEATH FOR ARIA-SAN

LUKE IS NOW ANGRIER THAN HE S EVER BEEN

THE COMMANDER OF THE EMPIRE'S KNIGHTS SIEGFRIED
NOW THEN...

THAT'S NOT... A SACRED SWORD?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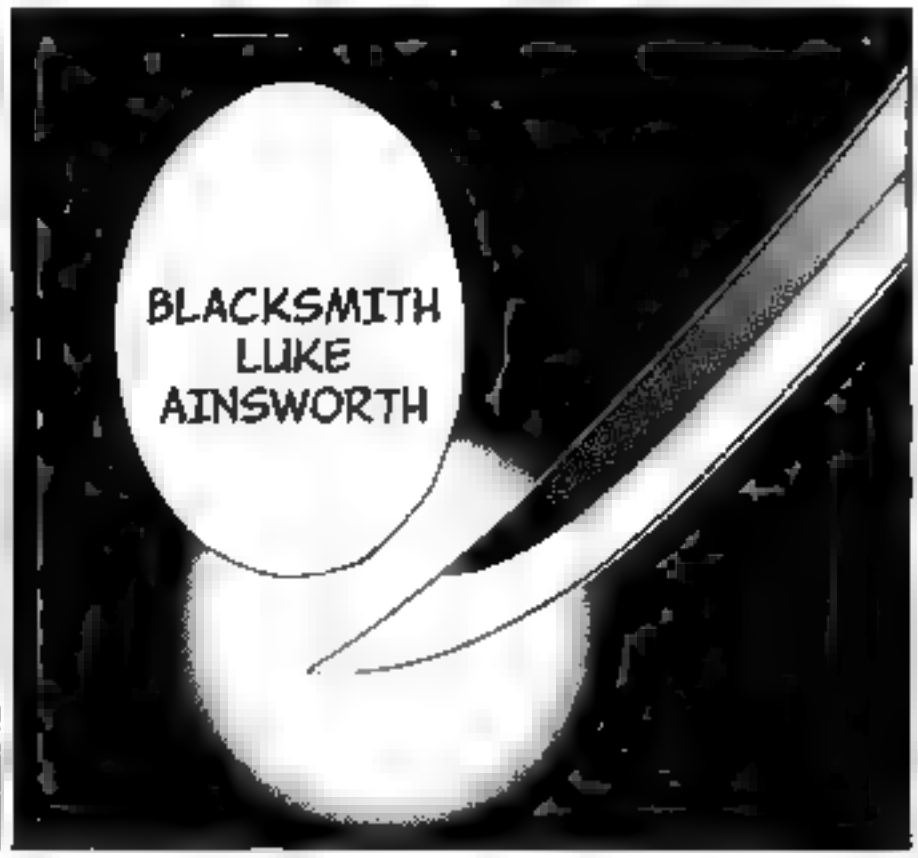

BLACKSMITH LUKE AINSWORTH

PERFECT

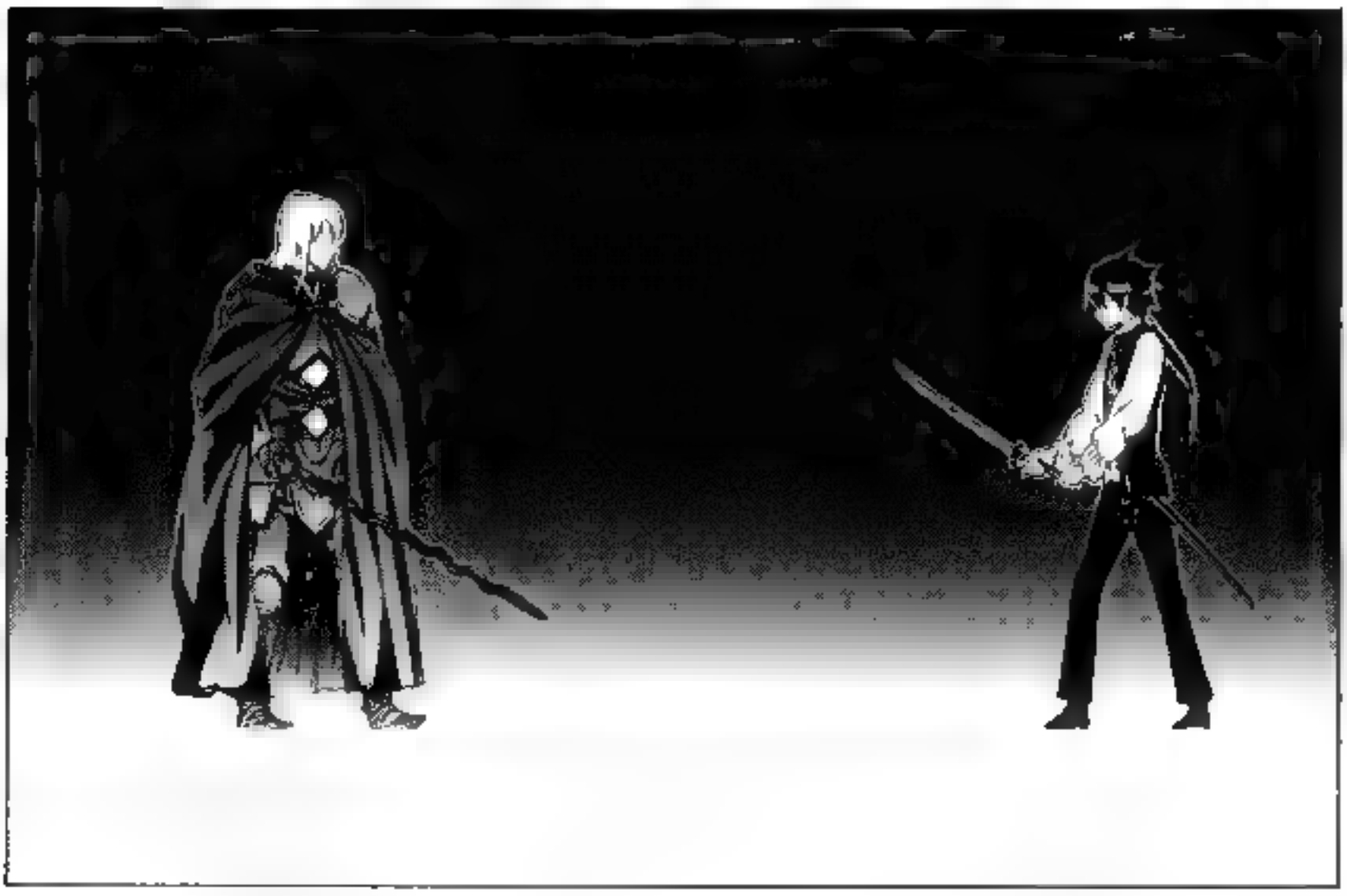
EH

TO THE DEATH

HEEEH, MAY I INQUIRE ABOUT THE VICTORY CONDI-TIONS?

KEEP BARKING, SHITTY BRAT

I WILL KILL YOU, EUNUCH



IAI!

TL NOTE: IAI IS THE JAPANESE ART OF DRAWING THE SWORD AND SLAYING THE OPPONENT IN ONE MOTION

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DIE!

FU HAH!

I'LL KILL YOU
KU!
LUKE !!
EEK!!

I'LL GOUGE OUT YOUR REMAIN-ING EYE AS WELL!

KA!

THEN ...

I'LL SQUEEZE EVERY DROP OF BLOOD OUT OF YOU!!

UWOOO

SIEG-
FRIED-
SAMA!!

THAT'S
ENOUGH
!!!!

!?

HAA
HAA
.....
SIEGRIED-SAMA, PLEASE RESTRAIN YOURSELF ..!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING !?
LOOK AROUND YOU WITH THAT EYE OF YOURS!!
.....
THIS IS AN UN-SEEMLY SIGHT..

THUS, THE CURTAIN WAS DRAWN WITH THE FIGHT TO THE DEATH ENDING IN A DRAW

REALLY NOW, YOU OVER-DID IT

THEY WENT TO THE KITCHEN FOR LEFT OVERS

WHERE ARE LISA AND ARIA?

DO YOU FEEL RELIEVED EVEN A LITTLE?

D- DON'T SAY SOMETHING SO SILLY!

I'M SORRY THAT I COULDN'T KILL HIM

ABOUT THAT... I DON'T EVEN CARE ANYMORE

THANK YOU FOR COMING, LUKE

IS LISA ALRIGHT?

NOTHING WILL CHANGE

IT'S HOW SHE WILL ACCEPT IT HERSELF

I SEE

SAY, IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO?

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BEAR THIS BURDEN SO MUCH?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH BEARING A BURDEN?

WITH WANTING TO PROTECT EVERY-THING? IS IT REALLY...

NO, IT'S FINE

IT DOESN'T MATTER

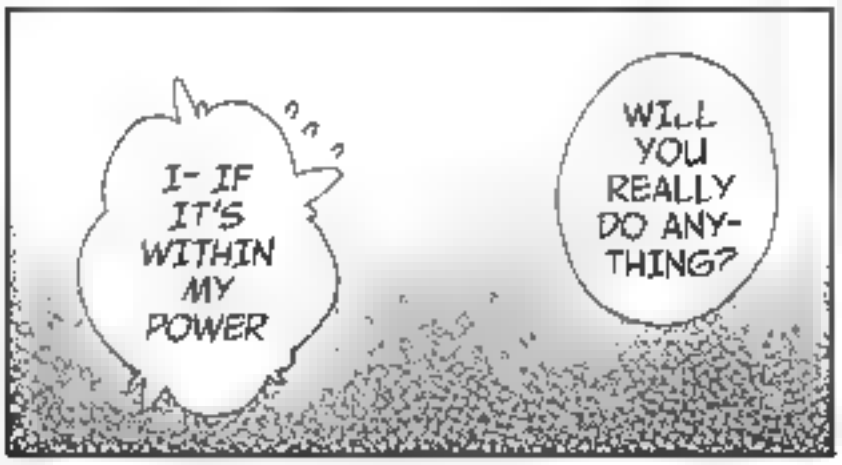
EVEN IF EVERYONE ELSE DOESN'T ACCEPT THIS WAY OF THINK-ING

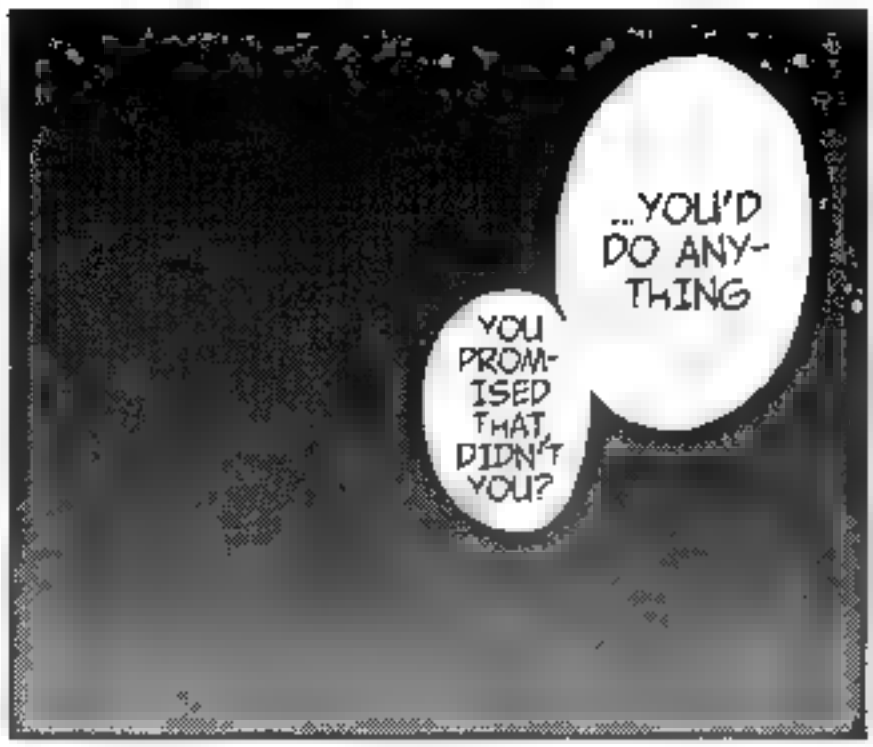
I WILL CONTINUE TO PERSIST IN WHAT I BELIEVE IN

BUT ...YOU KNOW

I WANTED FOR AT LEAST YOU... TO ACKNOW-LEDGE ME

EH?


I- IF IT'S WITHIN MY POWER
WILL YOU REALLY DO ANY-THING?


...YOU'D DO ANY-THING
YOU PROM-ISED THAT, DIDN'T YOU?

DANCE WITH ME

THEN

WH.. WHY !?

...EH!?

AH, NO

I- IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T WANT TO

I MEAN. DRESSED LIKE THIS..

IN THIS PLACE.. WITH NO LIGHTS OR MUSIC

BESIDES, I'VE NEVER ACTUALLY LEARNED TO DANCE..

NOO OO OOO OOO OOO OO

BEFORE THAT, YOU'RE ALL COV-ERED IN WOUNDS!

BE-SIDES

BE-SIDES

BE-SIDES, I.. HAVE BEEN DEFILED BY SIEG-FRIED

CUTE ...?

...I AM... NOT...

I'LL MAKE YOU FORGET

I AM!

DANCE

IT'S AN ORDER

REALLY SOFTLY TAKE LUKE'S HAND

SOFTLY

GENTLY DRAW CLOSER

PLEASANT THROBBING SPREADS THROUGHOUT

BATHED IN THE MOONLIT SILENCE

OUR FOOTSTEPS MATCH

OUR SHADOWS OVERLAY EACH OTHER AND BEGIN TO SWAY

I THINK
I MIGHT NOT
BE ABLE TO
ABANDON MY
"WOMANHOOD"...

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CHAPTER 18:
MONSTER PART 2

TRANSLATION: CMERTB - TYPESETTING: RELM
CLEANING: [CROSS] - PROOFREADER: SUPERFID2006

NEW POLICY:
PLEASE DO NOT REHOST
THIS MANGA ANYWHERE.
SITES ALLOWED: BATOTO

山田孝太郎
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LUKE MUST ALSO HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED BY THAT.

SHE IS DAZZLING... I CAN'T HELP BUT ADMIRE HER.

AM I DOING?

AND WHAT ...

AM I GOING TO LET SOMEONE ELSE KEEP DECIDING WHETHER I LIVE OR DIE?

AM I GOING TO KEEP ON LIVING WHILE COWERING?

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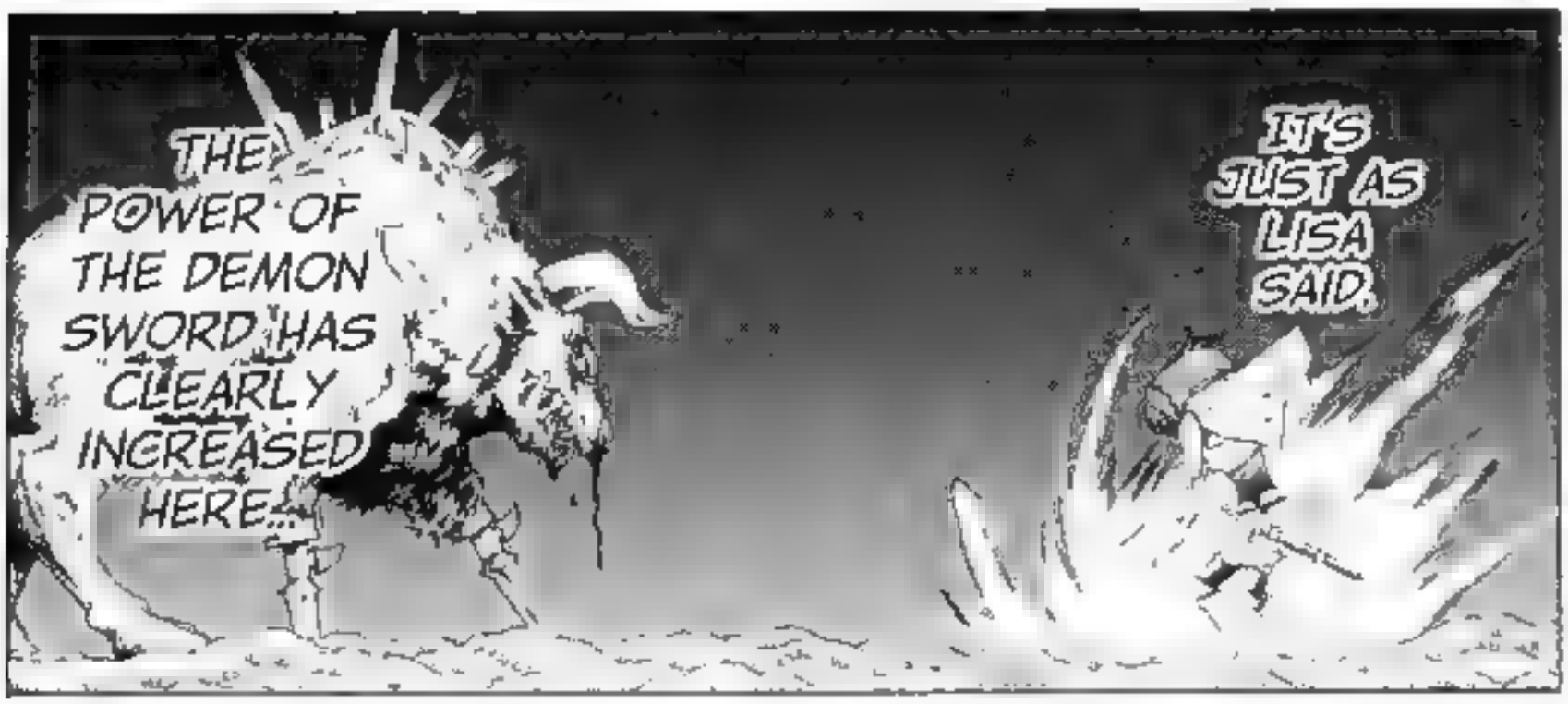


THAT MOUNTAIN OF BROKEN DEMON SWORDS WON'T HOLD OUT!

THE WIND IS SUPPORTING MY WORN OUT BODY UPRIGHT..!

TAKE THIS!

THE BLADE OF THE WIND!!

I WON'T MOVE EVEN ONE STEP FROM HERE!

BECAUSE I... CAN'T MOVE!

I WILL FORSAKE ANY KIND OF EVASIVE ACTION, AND DEVOTE MYSELF TO OFFENSE!!

GAH...

M-... MY BONES—

ズゥゥ…

KU

I CAN STILL FIGHT!

NO, IT CAN'T BE!

IS THIS THE END?

THE PAIN I DON'T EVEN COMPREHEND IS DRIVING ME MAD

HAA HAA

GU UGH

!?

ドン

A SLY, COWARDLY IDIOT WHO...

IS SHELTERED AND PROTECTED WHEN THINGS GET ROUGH!

I'M SICK OF IT!

YOU ID OT!

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF BEING AN IDIOT!

BECAUSE I REALLY AM

HYAAA!

!! !!!

LISA!!

SO I WON'T!

I-... LUKE TOLD ME TO NOT HOLD MYSELF BACK!

!!

I'M GOING IN!

I WON'T BE FAZED BY THIS MUCH!

EI!

I HAVE THIS BODY—

THIS BODY IS A WEAPON!

I CAN...

I CAN STILL DO MORE...

.....!!

LISA, YOU'RE GOING TOO FAR, ENOUGH ALREADY!

I WILL CHANGE!

I WILL FIGHT!!

AND THEN I'LL BE SURE TO COME BACK TO LUKE ALIVE!!

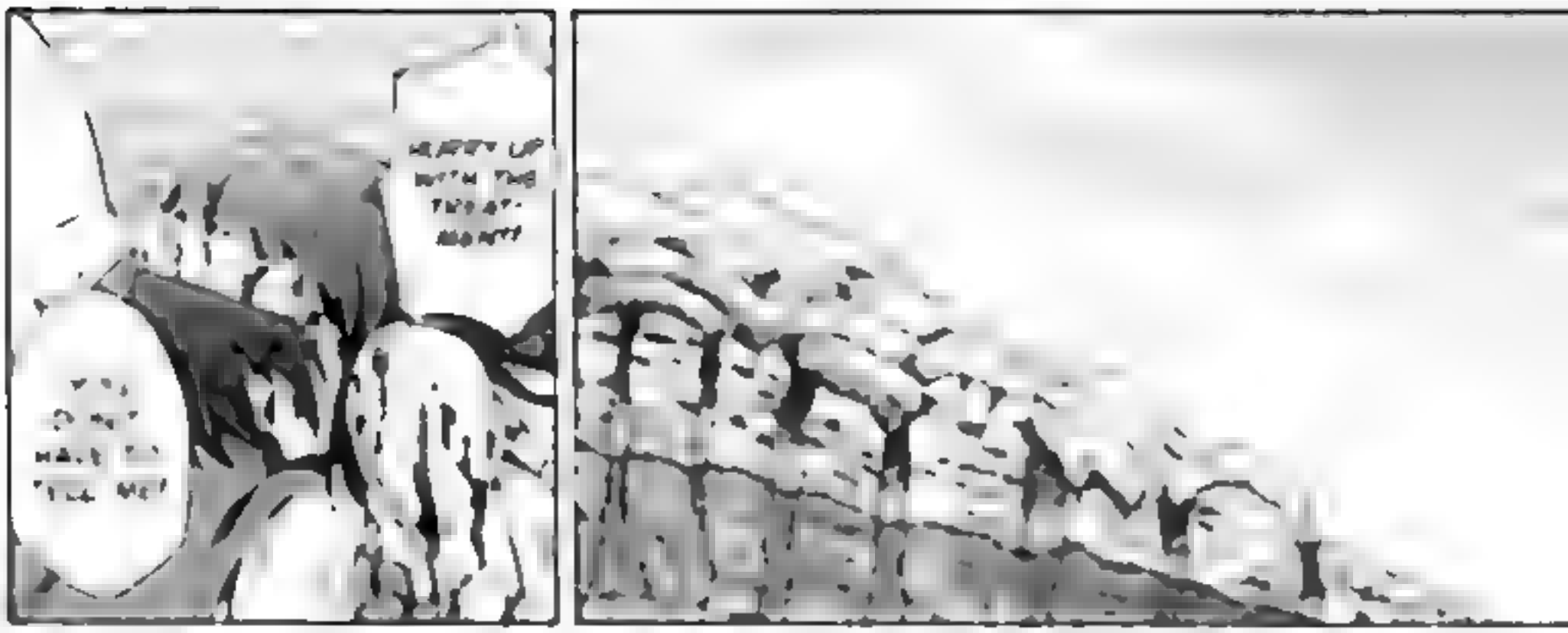
USE IT.

YES.

FOR THREE YEARS STRAIGHT

EH?

SHINE
—



WAAAAAAAH!!

SOB SOB

You won't get angry even when I complain?

DO YOU REALLY ACCEPT ALL OF ME THE WAY I AM?

YOU USED THE SWORD I THREW WELL.

I TRIED MY BEST!

I-I WAS SO SCARED ...

SFX: WAAAAAAAH

YOU'D SUDDENLY YELL AS IF YOU REMEMBERED SOMETHING...

IT WAS HORRIBLE THE FIRST TIME WE MET.

YOU WERE OPENLY PREJUDICED AGAINST ME.

I DO, AND I ALWAYS HAVE.

I won't get angry

.....

YOU WOULDN'T LOOK AT ME AT ALL!

EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T LOOK LIKE LISA OAKWOOD BECAUSE I WANTED TO!

I WAS TAKING MY ANGER OUT ON YOU.

Sorry

I'D JUST BEEN BORN, SO I COULDN'T REALLY SPEAK.

I FELT INDEBTED TO YOU, BUT I COULDN'T SAY ANY-THING

TRUE. I'M SORRY

AH— ..I'M SORRY

Which is it you want!? That I look like her, or that I don't look like her!?

I was really hurt!

That's what I thought, and I worked hard learning words, and as soon as I could speak, you cut me down with a single phrase: "You don't look like her at all!"

PLEASE FORGIVE ME TOO.

THAT'S WHY—

I FORGIVE YOU FOR EVERYTHING!

ME, WHO HAS TAKEN AWAY THE PERSON THAT YOU LOVED...

DIE?

DON'T DIE BEFORE ME.

WAHI!

YOU'RE AN IDIOT.

...YES!!

PROMISE ME THAT YOU WON'T DIE.

LUKE, IS THIS A DEMON SWORD?

NO.

IT'S NOT THAT...

IT USES TAMAHAGANE.

FIRST RATE AT THAT, LIKE WHAT I USE IN MY KATANA.

BUT STILL...

WHAT WAS THIS THING?

...WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?

BASICALLY, IT MEANS THAT THESE ARE GENUINE MAN-MADE SWORDS.

THEY IMITATE THE POWER OF THE SACRED SWORD THAT IS FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF A DEMON SWORD.

THE REALITY IS THAT SOME KIND OF TECHNOLOGY WAS DEVELOPED TO MAKE THE TAMAHAGANE SWORDS AND IMPLANT THEM INTO THE FLESH OF AN UNHUMAN.

What are you saying!? How rude!!

Doesn't it simply mean that you smell?

SMELL? WHAT SMELL?

SPEAKING OF THAT... IT SAID THAT IT CAUGHT THE SMELL OF ME.

THE QUESTION IS WHO DID THIS? WHERE? AND WHY DID THIS THING COME TO THE CITY?

"WHY DID IT COME TO THIS CITY?"

I KNOW BECAUSE I'M A BEING WHO HAS THE SAME HUNGER"

—YOU WANTED TO MEET VALBANILL, DIDN'T YOU?

EVERYTHING FOLLOWS THAT GAZE...

KILL HIM—

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